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Eitan says SAM-5s pose 'limited threat'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

The military threat to Israel posed by the deployment of SAM-5 ground-to-air missiles in Syria is limited, but it is of major political significance, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan told military correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The SAM-5s, he said, posed no real threat to fighter aircraft, and a limited threat to slower aircraft. He was not specific.

What is important is that the Soviets have decided to deploy the SAM-5s outside the Soviet Union for the first time, and it is possible that they could be manned by Soviet personnel. Their range is about 300 kilometres under optimal conditions, covering not only the most sensitive areas of Israel, including Tel Aviv, but a good part of the Mediterranean as well, a fact that has not pleased the Americans, he said.

"It constitutes a clear sign of deepened Soviet commitment in the area, posing a threat not necessarily aimed at Israel."

Eitan said that it had been decided to release the information on the missiles after facts given to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee last Friday were leaked. There was nothing sinister about the timing of the announcement, he said. He admitted that the defence establishment had considered releasing the information earlier, but there had not been an appropriate opportunity.

On the missiles themselves, Eitan said Israel was acquainted with the system and knew about its technology and its shortcomings.

He confirmed that the Syrian army was undergoing an intensive expansion programme which would give it two extra armoured divisions by the end of 1984. In addition, he said, all Syria's artillery would be self-propelled, most of its tanks would be T-72s and there would be considerably more commando battalions. He did not see any appreciable growth in the Syrian Air Force.

The chief of staff was also particularly perturbed about the growing incidence of terrorist acts in Lebanon. The Katyusha rockets that had been found aimed in the general direction of Kiryat Shmona last week, he said, were placed by locals who were operating for money. The rockets could not have reached Kiryat Shmona, he said, and the Katyushas themselves were taken from an old, undiscovered cache — they were not new weapons coming into the region.

He said terrorists may be (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



Four of the eight Israelis being held prisoner by the PLO photographed six days ago by a British television company, Visions. The four, all members of Nahal, the paramilitary youth group, were photographed in a PLO base in the Lebanese Bekaa valley. At that time, the prisoners were being given new year gifts. They were captured about four months ago with two others while in a lookout point north of the Beirut-Damascus road. The other two, who were not photographed, are being held by the forces of Ahmad Jibril. (Photos by Ackerman, by arrangement with Israel TV)

Lahat forced to leave Kfar Shalem

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Members of the Knesset Interior Committee and Mayor Shlomo Lahat were forced to cancel their scheduled tour in Kfar Shalem yesterday when hundreds of angry residents, shouting "Lahat is a murderer" and "Lahat resign," blocked the delegation.

The Knesset delegation of Akiva Nof, Dov Ben-Meir and Yair Tzaban, headed by committee chairwoman Shoshana Arbeli arrived in a minibus. They were joined at the parking lot by Lahat and Aharon Farber, the general manager of Halamish, the municipal housing company.

But when the minibus tried to drive into Derech Lod, its path was blocked by shouting residents waving placards reading: "We are land keepers, not robbers," "Justice for the south," "Lahat is a murderer" and "Have you murdered and inherited, as well?"

Other residents left their cars in the middle of the road, making it impossible to drive on, or drove slowly up and down the street honking loudly and calling on people to join the rally scheduled for tomorrow evening to protest the death of Yehoshua.

A residents' committee member yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the quarter could not forgive Lahat's "lies" on television last Friday night, when he was interviewed about the incident. Residents said the mayor lied when he called them "land robbers" and also when he stated that an old woman, shown on television as living in appalling conditions, had sons and other relatives who were pressuring her to demand better housing than the authorities had to offer.

"Everyone knows this woman and she is alone in the world, and nobody has offered her anything. But the nation watches television and believes Lahat's lies," one committee member said.

Another resident noted that the Knesset committee had already heard Lahat's position and must now hear their side without the mayor.

At this point the minibus backed up into the parking lot, while a number of MKs alighted and began talking to the residents. Nof walked to the Yehoshua family residence and when he returned, said "I've seen the house and the family. Anyone who can call these people land robbers is either an idiot or a blockhead. The man (Yehoshua) added a room onto his house — how can they (the city) call it invasion of public land? What's more, people here are not fanatic, they are open to suggestions."

Nof added: "I see now that there is real pain and real misery in Kfar Shalem, not criminals and land robbers like Lahat claims. Lahat's presence must not be imposed on Kfar Shalem."

Large police and Border Police forces were rushed to the spot and the police decided, together with the residents' committee, to clear everyone from the street to enable the minibus to pass, and to allow the residents to demonstrate from the sidewalks.

But suddenly, Arbeli announced that the MKs had decided to leave. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Israel, Lebanon seen favouring new U.S. plan

By DAVID LANDAU and MENACHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters

KIRYAT SHMONA. — American Envoy Morris Draper yesterday put forward a proposed draft agenda of his own in an effort to bridge the gap between Israel and Lebanon over their talks agenda. Initial reactions by both of the principals seemed promising and hopes have risen that the agenda obstacle can now be overcome.

The head of the Israeli delegation, David Kimche, and Lebanon's Antoine Fattal both held telephone consultations with their capitals over Draper's proposal (Kimche spoke with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir) — and both then returned to the negotiating table with the news that there had been no rejection, but readiness to consult further.

Fattal appeared to be extremely entertained by the proceedings. Upon leaving from lunch at the Zafon Hotel, he walked over to Kimche's car and sat down beside him. Fattal took from Kimche a book in French titled, *The Legal Status of Non-Muslims in Islamic Countries*, which he then showed to a group of laughing reporters.

The three teams issued a joint communiqué which referred specifically to the "new ideas" and said that each team would be reporting in full to its government. The communiqué termed yesterday's round "fruitful" and scheduled the next (fifth) round to be held in Haifa on Monday.

The explicit reference to "new ideas" in the official communiqué is seen as a hopeful sign. After all, the negotiators knew that the use of this language would raise expectations, and plainly they feel that these expectations will eventually be realized.

An Israeli source predicted last night that Jerusalem might suggest certain amendments to the American draft. But the basic implication seemed to be that the draft could be the basis of an agreed agenda.

The American proposal, it is understood, seeks to move away from the terminology of "normalization" which has been causing the deadlock this past fortnight while at the same time satisfying Israel's demand that the agenda point the way to peaceful relations evolving between the two countries in the future.

Draper made his move during an informal meeting of the three delegation heads. He outlined his ideas, and later his draft was typed up and each delegation had a copy when the conference reconvened in plenary session.

Draper's intervention followed an unproductive plenary session in the morning at which Kimche angrily berated the Lebanese for having reversed their position during the previous session on Monday at Haifa. "We cannot conduct negotiations in this way," Kimche asserted, according to Israeli sources.

Kimche recalled that on Monday the Lebanese side had proposed that the agenda contain a clause entitled "bilateral relations" with a listing of some of the specific matters to come under this heading. (This was a variation on an original Israeli proposal.)

Kimche said he had consulted with Jerusalem by phone and, despite hesitations, his superiors had decided to agree in principle to the Lebanese proposal. But before he could communicate this acceptance, the Lebanese had retracted their proposal, explaining that their superiors in Beirut had vetoed it.

What further angered the Israeli chief delegate was his Lebanese counterpart's proposal, yesterday morning, that a suggestion be discussed which Israel had flatly rejected only 24 hours earlier.

(The suggestion, for by-passing an agenda by means of an exchange of letters in which each party would undertake to negotiate the other's agenda, was brought to Jerusalem by Draper on Wednesday — and promptly rejected by Foreign Minister Shamir. Shamir said it (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Stock Exchange head quits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Stock Exchange board chairman Meir Heth last night submitted his resignation following criticism of him by board members.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Heth warned of a fall in current share prices, saying they are out of proportion to their real value.

Members of the board took exception to this public statement, and also to Heth's demand for stricter control of new issues.

The feeling among board members was that his attitude tended to restrict stock exchange trading.

Heth, 50, has been in his present post for five years. He was previously adviser to the governor of the Bank of Israel, in charge of its stock dealings. Earlier he had been controller of banks and chief economist of the Bank of Israel's research department.

New savings schemes set to mop up huge cash flood

Post-Economic Reporter

The Treasury plans to introduce new savings schemes in an attempt to mop up part of the massive monetary infusion expected during the next three months and stave off its inflationary effects.

Billions of shekels will flow into the hands of the public as a result of the recent public sector wage agreement, the payment of the cost of living increment on January salaries and the maturation of savings plans.

One of the new savings schemes is designed as a long-term plan, running for up to 15 years, in which the conditions granted to savers will improve with the passage of time (i.e. better returns on longer savings).

The Treasury last month got Knesset Finance Committee approval for the renewal of existing savings schemes.

In a related development, the Bank of Israel advisory council, chaired by MK Avraham Shapira, approved a drastic tightening of the amount of credit that banks will be able to extend in the next few months.

The ceiling on the volume of credit on foreign currency which commercial banks can give was reduced by 16 per cent from \$640m. to \$540m. The rate of liquidity (cash required on hand to back up loans) was increased for shekel loans from 5 per cent to 9 per cent.

New defence chief in UK

LONDON (Reuters). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last night appointed Michael Heseltine as Britain's new defence minister in a limited reshuffle of her Conservative administration.

The reorganization, her second in 18 months, was forced by the decision of Defence Secretary John Nott to quit politics at the next general election.

A spokesman for the prime minister said it was likely to be the last change in the government lineup before the election, widely expected to be held in the autumn.

Heseltine was succeeded as environment minister by his deputy in that department, Tom King.

The spokesman said Thatcher saw Heseltine as a skilled manager and decisive minister who would remain in charge of defence after the election.

Political sources said he would spearhead the government's response to the emerging movement for nuclear disarmament, an issue likely to dominate the election campaign.

The sources said Thatcher was concerned that the initiative in the debate over nuclear weapons had passed to the peace movement.

Nott, who was responsible for the armed forces during last year's Falkland Islands war, was rewarded with a knighthood.

Biggest black hole in sky

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A team of astronomers has discovered what it believes is the largest stellar black hole yet detected. U.S. scientists said yesterday.

The black hole is about 180,000 light years from the earth, a tiny distance in cosmic terms.

The black hole, christened LMC-X3, and discovered by three astronomers at the inter-American observatory in Chile, has a mass of between eight and 12 times that of the sun.

Black holes are invisible concentrations of matter so compact and dense that they swallow everything, even light, within their gravitational field.

Unlike normal black holes, thought to exist at the heart of galaxies, stellar black holes have companion stars which they orbit and suck gases from at extraordinarily high speeds.

Roger Bell, a researcher at the federally funded National Science Foundation, told Reuters: "This is about the best case we have for the actual discovery of a stellar black hole."

LMC-X3, which Bell said is believed to be a relatively young black hole at less than 50 million years old, was discovered last November at the observatory in Cerro Tololo, a remote district about 480 km. north of Santiago.

Navon asks Reagan to help ensure smooth ties between Israel, Egypt

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Yitzhak Navon has appealed to President Ronald Reagan to help ensure smooth Israeli-Egyptian relations. In reply to questions at the National Press Club luncheon yesterday, Navon also said he had presented Reagan with a summary of the "consensus" of views within Israel.

Navon, now visiting the U.S., praised Reagan as "warm, sincere and friendly. I like him very much."

Navon said he warned Reagan that two statements in his September 1 peace initiative could go against the consensus in Israel. He said that while Reagan opposed a Palestinian state, his other proposals could lead to one. In addition, Navon said, Reagan's statement about more Israeli withdrawals for more peace could be interpreted as total withdrawal for total peace, but no Israeli supports withdrawal to the 1967 boundaries.

Navon denied that settlements on the West Bank are an obstacle to peace. He said that while there is controversy in Israel over where to place the settlements, there is no controversy over Israel's right to establish them. He said "it was absurd to claim that there is any place in the holy land where no Jews can live."

Navon replied to questions that Reagan had demonstrated a good understanding of the Middle East during their White House meeting on Wednesday. "He knew very well what he was speaking about," said Navon.

The Israeli president said that in the past he had been often surprised to meet leaders in person after reading about them in newspapers or watching them on television. But in Reagan's case, Navon said, "He was the same man I had anticipated."

Navon, who was due to receive an honorary doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore last night, spent one hour addressing the Press Club. Clearly, he was in good humour, often joking with the several hundred guests. His appearance was broadcast live across a national public radio and cable television network.

He carefully avoided controversial issues. Thus, he refused to express any personal opinions on the matter of Israeli settlements in the West Bank or on the need for a territorial compromise. "It's not that I don't have my opinions," he said, "but I am paid not to think aloud."

The president was warmly received at the luncheon as he demonstrated an impressive ability to skirt the difficult questions while still scoring points for Israel. He sought to underline what he said was the "national consensus" within Israel, specifically citing opposition to a PLO state, a return to the pre-1967 lines and a redivision of Jerusalem.

Navon was introduced by the president of the Press Club who noted that he had been mooted in the press as a possible challenger to Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the next elections. Navon politely interrupted the introduction to say, "That's not in my official bio."

Later, in response to further questioning on his political future, Navon promised once again to make an announcement of his plans in February. "This is only January," he said. He cited three options before him — seeking a second presidential term, returning to politics, or writing some books.

Recent articles in the government-controlled Egyptian news media, he said, had raised the spectre of anti-Semitism. Still, Navon insisted he was hopeful about the future of the Israeli-Egyptian relationship. "I met President (Hosni) Mubarak three times," he said. "He is a frank and open man." Navon noted that Mubarak, during a recent speech before the Egyptian parliament, had (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Navon considered quitting over inquiry

President Yitzhak Navon was prepared to resign from the presidency if Premier Menachem Begin had not done an about-face on setting up an inquiry into the massacre at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut.

Navon revealed this for the first time in an interview and profile of the president by *Jerusalem Post* Reporters Judy Siegel and Louis Rapoport which appears in the current issue of *The New Republic* appearing in Washington today. In the interview, which took place shortly before Navon's current trip to the U.S., the president said that after the Knesset supported Begin's initial decision against a probe, he considered quitting his office.

"I thought that if there had been a final decision against setting up any kind of inquiry commission, I would resign from the presidency. I didn't mean to dictate that there should be one kind of inquiry or another...I didn't sit with a stop-watch in hand. I felt that it was a matter of time, that the government would rethink its position. I didn't hint about resigning to anyone."

(In September, on the night before the Knesset vote against an inquiry, Navon went on television to call for a credible and independent probe.

His remarks came at a time when there are mounting calls for Navon to re-enter politics at the head of the Labour Alignment or of a broader alliance of parties and individuals who favour territorial compromise as part of an eventual peace settlement.

He will announce next month whether he intends to seek a second term in the presidency, retire to devote himself to writing, or lead the challenge against the Likud camp.

But there are questions whether he is durable enough to withstand the intense heat generated at the top echelon in Israeli political life. Navon says that criticism is painful for him and his wife Ofra, and he admits to being more sensitive as president than he was in previous positions.

Navon, in discussing why many Sephardi Jews switched allegiance from Labour to the Likud, says that the turning point was the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath. He mentioned Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin among the Labour leaders responsible for the party's loss in the 1977 elections after 29 years in power.

"The people felt that Labour failed on the two basic matters that concern most Israelis: military security and economic well-being," he said.

Nine die in Tripoli battles

TRIPOLI. — Residents of two slum neighbourhoods here huddled in their homes for the seventh day yesterday as rival Muslim militias ignored calls for a cease-fire to continue blasting each other with automatic weapons and artillery.

The week-long battle eased during the day to occasional shell explosions and flurries of shots. But police said nine people died, bringing the toll in seven weeks of sporadic warfare to 186. Lebanon's state radio said the fighting escalated again shortly before midnight.

The battles were mostly confined to the two neighbourhoods, while the rest of Tripoli slowly recovered from random shelling earlier in the week that had closed most businesses and brought Lebanon's second-largest city to a standstill.

Fighting in Tripoli between supporters and opponents of Syria dates back to 1976, when the Syrian army intervened in Lebanon.

To strengthen their position, the Syrians encouraged the emergence of a local militia, the Arab Democratic Party (ADP), which drew much of its support from Alawite immigrants of Syrian origin.

The latest round of battles dates from early December, when an Alawite shopkeeper of Syrian origin was shot dead by unknown gunmen.

Since then, the anti-Syrian forces have managed to encircle the ADP militia and some Syrian troops in one slum district on the edge of the city.

In Beirut, meanwhile, the Lebanese army sealed off several neighbourhoods that were once PLO strongholds and mounted house-to-house searches for suspected PLO collaborators, police said.

An army communiqué said 40 people were arrested and turned over to the military prosecutor. It was the first major round-up since October, when 2,200 people were arrested by the army. About 1,000 were still being held at the end of December, according to Defence Minister Issam Khoury. (AP, Reuters)

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HONG KONG	18	21	86	Rain
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Golan	69	2-6	7	7
Nahariya	60	7-15	16	16
Safed	64	2-4	4	4
Haifa Port	—	9-18	18	18
Tiberias	64	5-15	16	16
Nazareth	82	5-9	10	10
Alula	76	5-12	13	13
Shimon	74	5-11	12	12
Tel Aviv	70	11-15	16	16
B-G Airport	55	8-16	17	17
Jericho	73	9-16	17	17
Gaza	70	9-16	17	17
BeerSheva	48	8-15	16	16
Eilat	24	6-20	21	21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Acting President and Knesset Speaker Menahem Bevan yesterday received in Beit Hanassi Fernando Suarez Gonzalez, a member of the Spanish parliament. He also received the Right Rev. Prof. John McIntyre, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and 100 members of the World Union of Jewish Students now holding their annual convention in Jerusalem.

Former MK Esther Herlihy has been elected president of the Beit Saba Society for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage. The first general meeting of the society also elected Prof. Yitzhak Halbrecht as honorary president, and Yehuda Ben-David as deputy chairman and director general.

An agreement calling for scientific cooperation between the Weizmann Institute and the University of Trieste was signed yesterday in Rehovot by the rector of Trieste University, Prof. Paolo Fusaroli, and the president of the Weizmann Institute, Prof. Michael Sela. Cooperation will take place primarily in the fields of biochemistry. It will involve, among other things, joint research, exchange of scientists and information, and the organization of joint scientific meetings. Among those present at the signing was first secretary of the Italian Embassy, Alberto Candilio.

Hebrew University vice-president Simha Dinitz this week met with a delegation of Australian Labour Party and trade union leaders in his office on the Mt. Scopus campus. The delegation included Graham Richardson, John Macbean, John Johnson, Simon Crean and Robert Carr.

HOME NEWS

High school teachers end sanctions while their pupils demonstrate

Jerusalem Post Staff

Secondary school teachers yesterday resumed normal work after imposing sanctions because of the government's failure to implement all the recommendations of the Etzioni commission. They had withheld grades from examinations and exercises; refused to issue report cards, and cancelled field trips and consultations with pupils.

The teachers' decision to resume normal work was made known while tens of thousands of high school pupils in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Haifa demonstrated against their sanctions.

Earlier, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer had called on the teachers to drop their sanctions, to accept the wage agreement signed last week by the Histadrut and government and to renew negotiations on implementing the Etzioni recommendations.

In Jerusalem, about 400 pupils from 11 schools gathered at noon at the Liberty Bell Garden. The demonstration ended just minutes before the teachers' announcement. Pupil representatives who addressed the crowd said, to the accom-

paniment of resounding cheers, that they had no position on the conflict over implementing the Etzioni recommendations. All they wanted was to have their schoolwork get back to normal. Some speakers threatened counter-sanctions if the teachers persisted in their action.

The demonstration at Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Yisrael turned into a giant happening as thousands of sneaker-wearing and jeans-clad youths converged on it. Long-haired teenagers licked lollipops, boogied to the rock music blaring from the loud-speakers, held hands and shouted to each other. Pupils from Tel Aviv's 25 high schools and from schools in Netanya, Herzliya, Ramat Hasharon, Bat Yam, Kiryat Ono, Rishon LeZion, Petah Tikva, Hadasim and even as far south as Gedera, poured into the square to protest.

Hundreds of placards fluttered in the air: "Believe it or not, we want to study," "Is that how you educate future citizens?" "12 years of study down the drain," and "No grades—no studies."

Tel Aviv Pupils' Council chairman, Eyal Shiran 17, of the Herzliya Gymnasium, told the cheer-

ing crowd that "We have been suffering from these sanctions for a month now, and who can look us in the eyes and tell us they have done their best?"

Tel Aviv Parents' Committee chairman Gershon Garman expressed the parents' support of the pupils and said the parents have urged Hammer to intervene.

A group of pupils from the Sharon High School of Ramat Hasharon said their principal, Menahem Sarid, forbade all but five to 10 pupils, out of the school's 1,300, to attend the demonstration and closed the school gates. He threatened that whoever left would find it difficult to get back inside again. Nevertheless, a large delegation climbed over the fence and showed up.

Teachers at the Gedera Regional High School, on the other hand, encouraged their pupils to attend.

In Haifa, nearly 2,000 high school pupils staged a two-hour demonstration on playing fields near the Reali School in the Abuza quarter. The pupils, holding placards and chanting slogans, threatened further action unless the dispute was settled.

W. Bank Quaker faculty must agree not to back PLO

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The principal of the Friends (Quaker) School in Ramallah, Nancy Nye, was summoned yesterday to the local military government and told she and four other women teachers at the school would have to sign a new work permit application — including an anti-PLO declaration — if they wish to continue teaching in the West Bank.

Nye was at first presented with a copy of the application form in Arabic and Hebrew, but was later given an English translation. So far she has refused to sign. She and the other teachers are all American citizens.

Several weeks ago the Quakers Mission Headquarters in Richmond, Illinois, sent out circulars to all their members in the U.S. explaining that the Israeli military government had withdrawn its demand that non-residents sign the undertaking. This mistaken information was apparently based on a report from one of the American TV networks.

A similar demand made of foreign nationals at West Bank universities led to a sharp condemnation from U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

While several lecturers have already been forced to leave, the West Bank civil administration has not pressed the issue for several weeks. The universities were hoping the issue would just fade away.

Peres blasts Sharon for 'political boorishness'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon is a good soldier, but displays utter boorishness in political matters, Alignment leader MK Shimon Peres told a Labour Party meeting last night in Bat Yam.

Peres said that Sharon blames his failures on the press and the opposition, while not seeing himself as responsible for anything.

Referring to recent remarks by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan that Judean and Samaria are more important to Israel than the Negev, Peres said Eitan forgot to point out that the Negev is empty, while Judea and Samaria have hundreds of thousands of Arabs whose annexation would represent a grave danger to Israel's security.

With regard to the deployment of new Soviet anti-aircraft missiles in Syria, Peres said the most serious danger is not their deployment, but their being manned by Soviet troops.

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reorganizing in Beirut, and that it was impossible to apply a hermetic seal to the city. No doubt terrorists were infiltrating through the main Tripoli-Beirut highway, where the IDF had no control, and other areas where those in control could not adequately police all traffic.

The situation in the Shouf was extremely complicated, he said. The IDF fired only when fired at, but at the same time it was making every effort to keep the peace.

"It's very hard going," Eitan said. "Agreements are often not kept by subordinates in the field. Leaders often do not speak for those they represent. The PLO and the Syrians are interested in causing unrest and often encourage Druse on their side of the border to fire at Christian villages on the Israeli side, with the Christians then responding against the Druse on our side."

Eitan warned, however, that under no circumstances should Israel leave the area before the diplomatic fruits of the war had been harvested. He noted the IDF had held on, despite tremendous casualties, during the War of Attrition along the Suez Canal.

The problem, however, would eventually be an internal Lebanese one, and the Lebanese would have to

Dispute holds up burial of driver slain in Lebanon

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — A dispute between the IDF Chaplaincy Corps and the family of the civilian truck driver murdered in Lebanon on Tuesday has prevented his burial.

The family requested that Adi Mizrahi, 32, a convert from Islam, be given a Moslem burial in a Moslem cemetery in Ramle. They said that because he was unmarried, the family should decide on the final disposition of his body.

But the corps refused to agree to this request on the grounds that Mizrahi was a Jew.

The family petitioned the Rehovot Magistrate's Court, which rejected their request yesterday morning. The family then took the matter to the Tel Aviv District Court in the afternoon, where a decision is still pending.

The body remains at the Abu

Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine.

Mizrahi, who was planning to marry soon and settle in Ashdod, converted to Judaism 15 years ago and served in the IDF.

He was one of six children of the Udash family, which lives in a quarter of Rehovot's Kiryat Moshe.

According to his sister, Kohava, Adi was the only member of the family to convert. She believes he may have been influenced by the Jewish religious education that he and the other Udash children received at the state religious school in the quarter. The boys, she recalled, had to wear kippot (skull caps) in class.

She also believed he might have been influenced by the fact that in all the years they studied with Jews, they never felt as though they were different and they got along well with their fellow Jewish students.

Defence sums up in Goodman trial

Jerusalem Post Staff

The trial of Alan Harry Goodman, an American charged with killing a guard and wounding two other Arabs during a shooting spree on the Temple Mount last April, adjourned after his defence lawyer summed up his case yesterday. The judges are expected to deliver their verdict within two months.

Defence lawyer Liorit Daniel gave a two-hour summation in which she stressed that Goodman is a psychotic and has a history of psychiatric problems, and was not responsible for his actions on the

Temple Mount.

Daniel's two other defences — that the bullet which killed Haj Muhammed Salah Yamin, the Moslem guard had disintegrated on impact and was never identified with Goodman's army issue rifle and that Goodman shot at, but did not mean to kill Yamin, were contradicted by the judges. They quoted from Goodman's admission that "he shot to execute him (Yamin)." Daniel countered that by using the word execute and not "kill," Goodman had shown himself as an executioner of divine judgment, and was deluded.

Sharon praises Laskov's legacy

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The late Haim Laskov's legacy is "to believe and to struggle, to struggle for what we believe in and for our self respect as individuals and as a people," Defence Minister Ariel Sharon told a gathering last night in the Mann Auditorium here on the 30th day after Laskov's death.

Laskov was the fifth chief of staff of the Israel Defence Forces.

Among those present at the memorial evening were the Acting President Menahem Savidor, Minister without Portfolio

Mordechai Ben-Porat, State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik and Knesset Members, IDF officers and soldiers, mayors of cities and friends of the deceased.

One of Laskov's close friends, Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea, said that Laskov from his youth had been the unknown soldier without uniform who stood at the head of the camp. "He was Soldier Number 1 of the Jewish people," Zorea said.

Before the meeting at the Mann Auditorium, Laskov's friends and family gathered at his graveside in the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery.

Ehrlich goes abroad for treatment

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier and Agriculture Minister Simha Ehrlich, cancelled all appointments and left the country at the beginning of the week because of illness.

According to press reports, Ehrlich is now in the U.S. for a month's medical treatment. But another source told *The Jerusalem Post* he may be in Europe to undergo an operation. Ehrlich is reportedly accompanied by his

Israeli doctor.

Officials at the ministry said yesterday they were surprised by the disclosure. "Ehrlich is insistent on guarding his private life and does not confide in us on matters pertaining to his health and his family life," an aide told *The Post*.

Authoritative sources in the Liberal Party said they were equally nonplussed. A ministry spokesman said that Ehrlich's planned visit to Puerto Rico in the middle of this month is still scheduled.

HU's Saltiel Centre celebrates 20 years

Pre-Academic Studies will be complete on the day that it has no more applicants," Education Minister Zevulun Hammer stated yesterday. He was speaking at a reunion of graduates of the Hebrew University's Saltiel Centre for Pre-Academic Studies, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

The success of the Centre for Pre-Academic Studies will be complete on the day that it has no more applicants," Education Minister Zevulun Hammer stated yesterday. He was speaking at a reunion of graduates of the Hebrew University's Saltiel Centre for Pre-Academic Studies, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

The centre's graduates, who came from disadvantaged neighbourhoods, or were high school dropouts who had just completed their compulsory army service, took advantage of the "second chance," offered by the centre.

This year some 550 persons are studying at the centre.

LAHAT FORCED

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surprise at Lahat's obstinacy about joining the tour. "I cannot understand why Lahat insists upon entering the quarter barely two weeks after the incident. Did he think he could hold a tour behind the bayonets of the police?" the source asked. He commended Arbell for her decision to cancel the tour and said that holding it might have caused a storm in other southern quarters as well.

When Lahat saw that the MKs would not be dissuaded from their decision to cancel the tour, he left with his bodyguards and many policemen, and the MKs went to residents' committee chairman Zechariya Tiram's house.

A senior police source expressed



High school pupils demonstrate in Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Yisrael yesterday against their teachers' sanctions. (Israel Simonsky)

'Israel reinforcing Bekaa'

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Israel has been reinforcing its positions facing Syrian forces in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley, the independent Beirut daily *An-Nahar* reported yesterday.

The paper said long convoys of Israeli trucks brought tanks and armoured personnel carriers to the Bekaa earlier this week, linking the move with recent disclosures in the Israeli press that Syria was deploying new Soviet SAM-5 mis-

siles on its territory.

Egypt's mass-circulation *Al-Ahram* daily, meanwhile, yesterday accused Israel of creating "a new artificial crisis" over the missiles.

The paper reported Israel's charges under an eight-column front-page banner headline: "Israel creates a new crisis that threatens armed collision with Syria."

A drophead read: "Israel warns of the consequences of Syria's acquisition of SAM-5 missiles and threatens not to withdraw from Lebanon."

Ofira goes down memory lane

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ATHENS, Georgia. — Ofira Navon yesterday made a sentimental journey to this southern town, retracing steps taken as a graduate student in educational psychology at the University of Georgia 23 years ago.

While President Yitzhak Navon continued his Washington visit, his wife boarded an Israeli-built Westwind executive jet lent by a local company at cost for the flight to this college town.

She created a stir in Athens, whose mayor declared yesterday "Ofira Navon Day" in honour of the university alumnai.

At the office of the university president, Mrs. Navon reminisced about her year of study, made possible by a scholarship funded by the local Jewish community.

Touring the campus with university president Frederick Davison, she said she was pleased that the campus — segregated in her days — now has 25,000 students of different races.

Bonn silent on Knesset demand

BONN (AP). — The Bonn govern-

ment, in keeping with a self-proclaimed policy, declined yesterday to comment on Knesset demands that West German authorities reopen the prosecution of two suspects recently acquitted for lack of evidence on World War II war crimes charges.

Spokesmen for the Foreign and Justice Ministries in Bonn said they were not prepared to remark on actions by an independent court.

A similar reaction came from justice authorities in the state of North Rhine Westphalia where

Wilhelm Westerheide, 73, and his former secretary, Johanna Zelle, 62, had been acquitted of charges of complicity in murdering 9,000 Soviet Jews while Westerheide served as Nazi district commissar in the Ukraine.

A court in Bielefeld had acquitted both suspects for alleged lack of evidence on October 31, 1979. The West German supreme court, at the appeal of the prosecution, overturned this verdict and ordered retrial in Dortmund.

But the Dortmund court, too, acquitted the two for alleged lack of evidence.

Berman group uncertain on new party

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Opinions were divided in the Centre Forum's first gathering last night about whether the forum should be turned into a new political party.

The forum's initiator, Liberal MK Yitzhak Berman, urged caution, while the only other MK to attend, fellow Liberal Dror Zeigerman, advocated the establishment of a new party with centrist liberal orientation.

The proceedings were closed to the press and another meeting is scheduled for next month.

Former Liberal leader Elimelech Rimalt delivered the main address, advocating the establishment of a new party. He said he does not

believe that "the Liberal Party can rehabilitate itself within the Likud framework. A new party should come into the world which would continue in the footsteps of what used to be the general Zionist movement."

A similar note was struck by Zeigerman, who was in favour of starting a new party now in the event that new elections could soon be called.

He, however, opposed bolting the Likud Knesset faction while the Tenth Knesset's term is still in session. To his mind, Liberals cannot hope to effect changes inside the Likud. Likeminded speakers asserted that the Liberal Party no longer exists, having been swallowed up by Herut.

Yad Vashem decries Eitan ban on visits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes Remembrance Authority yesterday publicly objected to Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan's recent decision to suspend soldiers' visit to the institution, calling it "a serious blow to the good name of Yad Vashem."

Eitan suspended the visits following a complaint by a soldier's mother alleging that former Yad Vashem guide Yehiam Weitz made controversial remarks to soldiers, touring the memorial on December 26.

The Yad Vashem board said that, while such alleged remarks — if indeed they were made — should not have been made at the memorial, Weitz claims his remarks were distorted, taken out of context and were not defamatory, as the mother complained.

Weitz — who left Yad Vashem after nine years' employment before the mother complained to the chief of staff — told *The Jerusalem Post* that his remarks to the soldiers were designed to stimulate their thinking about Zionism. He pointed out the security problems of the State of Israel, among other things to emphasize that modern Zionism and the encouragement of immigration from the West cannot be predicated on the insecurity of Jewish existence in the Diaspora.

"We are amazed," the statement said, "that the chief of staff did not see fit, after receiving the complaint, to contact us and clarify the issue, and that on the sole basis of a letter of complaint he ordered the suspension of soldiers' visits to Yad Vashem."

The statement pointed out that thousands of soldiers have toured Yad Vashem over the years with nothing but praise and appreciation. The Israel Defence Forces chief education officer is to meet with the Yad Vashem board next week to clarify the matter.

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reaffirmed the need to maintain peace with Israel.

Asked whether Israel should deal with the PLO if the PLO were to accept Israel's right to exist, Navon said Israel should not deal with the PLO so long as it continues to call for Israel's destruction in its National Covenant. "If they change that, then it's a different organization, and ask the (Israeli) ambassador what will happen."

Ambassador Moshe Arens, who was sitting on the dais, and other guests, including U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, broke out in laughter.

Regarding the commission of inquiry looking into the West Beirut massacres, Navon noted that the government's ultimate decision to establish such a panel demonstrated that "the system works and I am proud of it." He added, "I don't know what the verdict will be."

Earlier in the day, Navon met with Lane Kirkland, President of the AFL-CIO. During that meeting, Kirkland asked Navon about the split between Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. At that point, according to a participant, Navon stunned everyone in the room by noting that there was also a third power within Labour.

After a pause, Navon said that Labour MK Elyahu Speiser was also emerging as a power in Labour. There was some laughter. Even during that closed door session, Navon carefully avoided any reference to his own future.

At that same meeting, Kirkland defended the right of Histadrut members to work in the administered territories. He said that so long as it was within the law, Histadrut members should be permitted to work wherever they can.

In his speech prepared for delivery last night at the Johns Hopkins University, Navon stressed the "great human drama which has been enacted in my country for some decades," rather than the more immediate political and military issues of the day.

Still, he stressed the need for peace and security for Israel. "To the best of my knowledge," he said, "this is the only country in the world which certain states and organizations aspire to destroy completely, openly proclaiming their intentions."

Navon is due to fly to Boston today for further meetings with Jewish leaders, intellectuals and others.

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would still leave the talks without an agreed agenda.)

Had Lebanon not changed its mind on Monday "we could have progressed to the substantive talks by now," Kimche asserted.

Kimche insisted that one of the goals of the negotiation was the establishment of "good-neighbourly relations," and exhorted the Lebanese not to "hide this aim of ours under the table."

As the Israel-Lebanon talks continue there are fewer Lebanese reporters there to cover them. Less than half the original number of Lebanese reporters last week are still in Kiryat Shmona. The same can be said of the Israeli press corps, as well as the foreign press. "The talks have become conventional," said Lebanon Radio correspondent Ibrahim Khalil.

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Association for disabled: Aridor has no time for us

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — When he was in the Knesset opposition, Yoram Aridor made rousing speeches about how the government has to do more for the handicapped. Today, as finance minister, he can't find time to meet with representatives of the Association of the Disabled, the organization's leaders complained to reporters here yesterday.

The association represents about 10,000 disabled persons, most of whom are handicapped because of illnesses such as polio or muscular dystrophy. They claim that the benefits they receive are far less than what is given to disabled veterans or to those injured in work accidents, and they also claim that the Finance Ministry and the National Insurance Institute are planning to make their plight even worse.

Avri Gonen, spokesman for the group, said that those disabled persons who can't drive themselves, but who have relatives who can

drive for them, will stop receiving help to buy and maintain cars.

Members of the group also complained that those disabled persons who, for financial reasons, bought smaller cars than their medical condition entitled them to buy, are in danger of having their monthly maintenance allowance cut.

Yehzekel Bakal, director of the disability department at the National Insurance Institute, denied the charges in a telephone interview. He said disabled individuals who need to be driven around by members of their families will, if the proposed new regulations are approved, be able to have commercial vehicles which will be more comfortable.

The only condition will be that the person doing the driving be a spouse or parent. "Our concern is that if the vehicle can be used for commercial purposes, it is likely not to be used for the disabled person," he explained. The regulations for private cars won't be changed, he said.

Road accidents drop in 1982

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Traffic police in the Jerusalem sub-district recorded a sharp decrease in road accidents in the past year compared to those in 1981, it was disclosed unofficially yesterday.

During 1982, police recorded 1,024 road accidents with casualties, 19.3 per cent less than during 1981. Accidents caused due to excessive speed decreased by almost half, and those involving pedestrians were reduced by a third. Casualty figures were not available.

The Jerusalem police sub-district includes the city and intercity roads about 30 kilometres west of Jerusalem.

Accidents involving pedestrians were the most common, with 242 accidents in the past year, compared to 375 in 1981. Accidents due

to speeding numbered 167 in 1982 compared to 321 in 1981. Those caused by dangerous overtaking and lane deviations were third, totalling about 150, the same as in 1981.

The decrease is attributed to tighter enforcement of traffic regulations by the traffic police, who enlisted about 3,300 policemen for special duties during 1982. Traffic policemen also taught road safety to children, giving 323 classes to about 23,000 pupils.

In addition, traffic police made greater use of electronic equipment to make drivers more aware of traffic regulations. According to Pakad Meir Gilboa, spokesman of the Southern District, police moved radar units into the city and used stationary, automatic photo-radar traps to supervise driving speed in the city.

K.Arba uproots Arabs' electric pylons

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kiryat Arba local council yesterday uprooted four high tension pylons belonging to the local Arab municipality, cutting electricity to 25 Arab families living north of the Jewish suburb outside Hebron.

"Yesterday morning the council sent a tractor which uprooted the pylons which it claims run through land it controls and which is to be used for the development of a suburb currently under construction called Givat Harina.

Several weeks ago, the council sent a letter to the Hebron municipality demanding that the

pylons be removed. The municipality, while acknowledging that it had no jurisdiction over the area, did not accept the council's jurisdiction there and replied that the pylons would only be removed on the basis of a court decision.

It argued that the pylons have been in position for more than six years without bothering anyone.

Kiryat Arba councilors talked at that time of petitioning the High Court of Justice but apparently decided against this. Yesterday the council took action, claiming they were acting as a local planning authority.

The Hebron municipality has not decided how to respond.

Woman burns to death in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An elderly woman was burned to death in one of two separate fires caused by heating stoves yesterday evening.

At 27 Rehov Hess, firemen were called when neighbours saw smoke coming out of the ground floor flat of Vita Bergstein, 72, who lived alone. The firemen burst in, but found her dead on her bed. The firemen believe that an electric heating stove next to her bed had set the mattress on fire.

In Rehov Hahursha on Mt. Carmel, firemen were called by neighbours who noticed smoke coming from a ground floor flat. The firemen found the blazing flat empty and put out the fire. The tenants had left a kerosene heater alight in the bedroom before going out. Damage was estimated at tens of thousands of shekels.

At one stage the firemen decided to evacuate the couple living above the burning flat. The husband came down the ladder, but the wife refused to abandon her two cats which she could not carry down. She and her pets were unharmed.

Liz cancels Lebanon trip because of security

TEL AVIV. — It was announced yesterday that Elizabeth Taylor's trip to Lebanon to meet with President Amin Gemayal on her solo peace mission in the Middle East had been cancelled because of renewed terrorism in Lebanon.

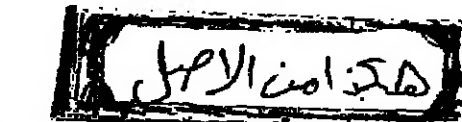
Israeli authorities could not guarantee the security that her presence in Beirut would require, it was reported.

Major Sa'ad Haddad, Southern Lebanon militia leader, travelled to Tel Aviv to meet with the actress. He told her in detail of the difficult conditions that existed in Lebanon during the last seven years and how they have improved since Operation Peace for Galilee.

The actress will return to the U.S. tomorrow.

Taylor is blacklisted by the 21-member Arab League, of which Lebanon is a member, for her public support of Israel.

ARCHIVES. — An archives named after Yosef Yekutieli, founder of the modern Maccabi sports organization is to be set up at Kfar Hanacab in Ramat Gan.



Leading yesterday's procession into Bethlehem for the Eastern Orthodox community are, from left: Military Governor Span-Aluf (Lieut.-col.) Albert Behar, Greek Orthodox Patriarch Diodoros I and Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij. The Eastern Orthodox, Coptic and Ethiopian churches celebrate Christmas today. (Y. Barzilay)

NRP in-fighting holds up gov't vote on chief rabbis

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chief rabbis' term of office is likely to be extended, but the cabinet probably will not address itself to the question at its weekly session on Sunday.

This emerged yesterday when National Religious Party leaders failed to reach a compromise on the issue. The NRP is seen as holding the key to a solution and the government is likely to go along with whatever formula the party's warring factions agree upon.

The cabinet decision will thus have to be postponed until another attempt at a compromise is made inside the NRP next week.

Although Interior Minister Yosef Burg's Lamifne faction initially opposed any extension, it was clear at yesterday's meeting that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will stay in office beyond the current 10-year limit. Both were elected originally in 1972.

Burg and his supporters conceded yesterday that some extension of the rabbis' terms will be agreed upon, especially as this is also Prime Minister Menachem Begin's desire.

However, Lamifne opposes letting the chief rabbis stand for reelection, especially since it is far from certain that a candidate will be found to challenge Goren, whom the Lamifne faction fiercely opposes.

The NRP next week will take up the proposal made by MK Yehuda Ben-Meir of the faction supporting Education Minister Zevulun Hammer that the two chief rabbis' terms be extended for another two-and-a-half years. The Ben-Meir proposal (first reported in *The Jerusalem Post* last week) involves a legislative amendment postponing the rabbinical elections for two-and-a-half years so that they would coincide with elections for the Chief Rabbinate Council due to be held in 1985.

Two East Jerusalem men still restricted

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

OC Central Command Aluf Uri Orr, far unspecified security reasons, has renewed orders prohibiting two residents of East Jerusalem from leaving the city, it was learned yesterday.

The restriction order against Ibrahim Dakkak, chairman of the West Bank Engineers Association, was renewed on January 1 for six additional months for the third consecutive time. The order overlaps another order, issued on August 1980, indefinitely prohibiting him from travelling in the West Bank.

The second order was issued against Abed Abu-Diab, a consultant for the Jerusalem District Electricity Company. Abu-Diab has

been under restriction for a year. Persons under such restriction orders are not allowed to travel beyond the city limits, must stay at home from sunset until sunrise and must report to police every morning at 8 a.m. Police often visit them unexpectedly to ensure they comply with the order.

The measure is based on British Mandatory emergency ordinances from 1945, and cannot be appealed in court.

Dakkak told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he has not the vaguest idea why his movements were restricted, and cannot recall violating the law. He said he is a politically aware Palestinian who takes advantage of his right of free expression.

British Friends due with Thatcher note

By HYAM CORNEY
Post London Correspondent

LONDON. — Leading Conservative Party politicians and officials will arrive in Israel on Sunday on the biggest-ever mission organized by the Conservative Friends of Israel.

The group includes former government minister Nicholas Fairbairn and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, as well as the chairman of the London branch of the party. The tour will be led by former MP

Michael Fidler, now the director of the Friends.

The group will meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin and will deliver a personal letter from British Premier Margaret Thatcher, in which she recalls that she was a founder of the Friends.

She writes that the people of Britain and Israel "remain bound by a common commitment to democracy and freedom" and adds that Britain also remains committed to Israel's security.

Savior gives 10th of month's pay to WIZO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor has donated 10 per cent of his monthly salary to WIZO's fund-raising campaign, at a special ceremony in his first official act as acting president. President Yitzhak Navon is currently in the U.S.

Speakers at the ceremony also included WIZO members from the Circassian and Beduin communities who thanked WIZO for the opportunities given to women in their villages.

The campaign, with a goal of IS235 million from collections from companies and financial institutions, as well as from house-to-house canvassing, will last one month.

El Al's projected nine-month loss: \$60m.

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

El Al will lose about \$30 million during the period from April through September, if it resumes operations. Half of that figure will come from the decision not to fly on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, Transport Ministry Director-General Uri Landau told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

The other half of this projected loss will result from the long-term effects of the airline's closure during the past three months, Landau said. El Al will lose about 25 per cent of its European clients due to the Sabbath shutdown, he added.

Earlier in the week, the committee was informed by El Al that the airline expects to lose \$30m. in the period January-March, mostly because of the prolonged break in operations. This brings the total projected losses from now through

September 1983, up to \$60m. so far.

Landau conceded that uncertainty exists regarding the airline's future, and said that the forecasts supplied by the company were the best obtainable in the present situation.

The Finance Committee has been holding a series of debates on a Treasury request for approval of two government guarantees: one to cover an existing debt of \$46m. to the overseas branches of local banks; and another to cover a proposed \$100m. loan necessary to finance El Al's operations during the next three months, including the projected losses.

The committee yesterday decided to approve the government guarantee for the \$46m. existing debt, but deferred a decision on the proposed \$100m. loan.

El Al general manager Rafi Hariv told the committee yesterday

that the company expects to lose about \$25m. a year from its closure on the Sabbath and holidays, but added that if these losses are covered, the airline could balance its budget in the 1984/85 fiscal year.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu told the committee that the loans requested by El Al are intended to give its temporary receiver the opportunity to operate the company for six months and then decide whether it is worthwhile to continue its operations.

But Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan yesterday insisted that the government has no intention of guaranteeing El Al's debts to local commercial banks and said that any hints from the Treasury to the contrary were unauthorized. The airline owes about \$100m. to local banks which is not covered by government guarantees.

Savior tells 'The Jerusalem Post' Non-Knesset unit should fix MKs' pay

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor would prefer it if MKs' salaries were fixed by some objective body that enjoyed the public's confidence rather than by the Knesset itself.

Savidor noted in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday that there is a variety of methods for fixing parliamentary salaries, and that Israel is not unique in having this done by a committee of parliament.

He defended this week's decision of the Finance Committee that members' salaries henceforth be adjusted twice a year rather than only once.

For one thing, Savidor said, judges' salaries are already adjusted twice a year, and MKs and cabinet members should be no worse off. Secondly, adjustment once a year entails a steep jump — perhaps of

80 or 100 per cent, which generally evokes a hue and cry, and an attempt by other sectors, whose wages have already been raised, to demand more.

Referring to attacks on him by the Alignment faction and by his own Likud-Liberal colleague Benny Shitka for his proposal to require MKs to be present in the Knesset building three days a week (when the Knesset sits), Savidor said it was his duty to see to it that members earned their pay.

It is no crime to be a "reformer," Savidor said, (Shitka had used that label as an epithet). "Someone has to lift the carpet, and I've already done that with respect to other matters."

He still hoped to reach some agreement with the Alignment, perhaps to introduce the three-day attendance requirement in the Knesset Rules, rather than in the Knesset Members Immunity Law. But Savidor rejected the sugges-

tion that attendance would be improved by publishing figures of members' attendance in the plenum. "What effect did publication of statistics on committee attendance have on attendance in committees?" he asked.

The speaker was asked about the recent incident in which Knesset ushers had practically forced the parliamentary assistant of Shevah Weiss (Alignment) to return records of members' attendance in the Knesset building, which had been given to Weiss by the sergeant-at-arms. (Weiss had planned to use the information in a book he is writing.)

Savidor said he had not known anything about that in advance. In fact, he had not even known that such records were kept.

He said it emerged that this record-keeping had been continued, from inertia, even after the payment of per diem (*ishet*) was no longer dependent on a member's presence in the Knesset.

IN THE KNESSET/Asher Wallfish

Crime rate still falling, committee is told

Crime figures have been falling for the second year running and are now at 80 per cent of the peak figure, the Knesset Interior Committee was told on a tour of the Tel Aviv Police District HQ on Tuesday.

During a visit to the Abu Kabir lock-up which serves the entire district, policemen and detainees alike told the committee that the conditions are sub-standard in every respect.

The number of policemen resigning from the service during the past year showed a steady increase, due to low salaries and the relatively disadvantageous conditions, the committee was told.

Towards a quorum law

The Knesset moved a tiny step in the direction of a quorum law, stipulating that government bills may not be voted upon unless 25 MKs are present inside the chamber.

The Law Committee on Wednesday approved a bill by Amnon Rubinstein and Mordechai Virshupski (both Shinui) on the preliminary reading, whereby the speaker must decide whether or not a legal quorum of 25 is present, should any of the MKs in the cham-

ber request him to do so. The Shinui measure now has to go through the regular three readings.

Noise pollution in Herzliya

The Transport Ministry proposes that the Herzliya airstrip continue to function in a limited capacity, while transferring agricultural operations such as aerial crop-dusting, to other landing strips.

On Wednesday, the Knesset Interior Committee discussed the complaints of local residents about the noise pollution caused by the Herzliya strip, which have failed to produce action by the authorities for many years. The committee complained that its official report on the problem ordered by the government and published in 1980, had gathered dust since then.

No' to free kindergartens

A senior Treasury official told the Knesset Education Committee on Tuesday that legislation making kindergartens free for three- and four-year olds was out of the question. The official said, however, that in disadvantaged areas, development towns, and in kindergartens for children with special educational

difficulties, the Treasury would agree to grants as high as 90 per cent of the fee.

Commemorating Palmah heroes

Labour MK Danny Rosolio complained on Tuesday that six officers of the Palmah pre-State defence organization who lost their lives while on mission behind Arab lines were unfairly overlooked when a new series of stamps was issued last month to commemorate 12 men and women who were executed in the line of duty.

Rosolio, a former Palmah member, tabled a parliamentary question to Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who is chairman of the Cabinet Committee on ceremonies and symbols. Rosolio asked whether the six, who served in the Palmah's so-called "Arab company," would be commemorated in a future stamp series.

Rosolio named the executed Palmah lieutenants as Ezra Horin and David Mizrah (executed by the Egyptians); Gideon Be'eri and David Shemesh, executed by the Arabs in Jaffa; and Nissim Atiya and Ya'acov Buka', executed by the Jordanians.

Jerusalem shopkeepers up in arms over signs

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There were indications yesterday of a new confrontation between Jerusalem shopkeepers and the municipality — this time over shop signs.

In an impassioned appeal to the state ombudsman, the secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association, Avraham Birnbaum, asked him to intervene against "the city's wanton robbery of valid sign permits" from shopkeepers who had been granted them before the Jerusalem council enacted its latest statute on public displays.

The statute concerning shop signs came into effect in 1980, at the behest of Mayor Teddy Kollek, and laid down strict new rules governing the shape, maximum size and placement of outdoor signs. After the by-law was approved, shopkeepers were asked to apply for new permits. However, the association advised members to disregard the demand since the old permits had been issued legally.

Birnbaum, who has led many tax battles against the city, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, "Retroactive legislation of this sort is reprehensible in a democracy. We

can understand the legal requirement for hanging new signs. But why force shopkeepers to remove existing signs and replace them with new ones — especially when the existing ones were affixed under legally issued permits? Today, an outdoor sign for the average sized Jerusalem store costs about IS100,000."

In the past two weeks, inspectors from the municipality's urban beautification department have been handing out summonses to shopkeepers in the Ben Yehuda-King George-Jaffa Road "triangle" for failing to re-apply for new sign permits.

The municipality spokesman was unavailable for comment last night.

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Indira Gandhi

Indira routed in key party strongholds

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — A new regional party led by a film star yesterday appeared poised to inflict a stunning defeat on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in state elections.

Partial results showed Gandhi's party trailing in all three states where elections were held, but party's reverses were most dramatic in southern Andhra Pradesh, one of its traditional strongholds.

Matinee idol-turned politician N.T. Rama Rao's Telugu Desam (Land of Telugu) Party was well ahead in Andhra Pradesh, capturing 106 seats against 39 for the ruling Congress (I) in the 294-member state assembly.

Gandhi's party was also trailing in neighbouring Karnataka state, where she had been expected to win. Her party, which controls the state, had won 73 seats out of a total 224 compared to 86 seats for another regional grouping allied with the Janata Party, which ruled India from 1977 to 1980.

Among the defeated candidates in Karnataka was Chief Minister Gundu Rao, who resigned after the outcome was known.

Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were considered to be among Gandhi's most solid power bases and anything short of decisive victories there are likely to signal political problems for party dissidents for the 65-year-old prime minister.

New drug reported to stop leukemia

BOSTON (Reuters). — Preliminary tests have shown that a new drug is effective in stopping secondary leukemia caused in cancer patients receiving chemical or radiation therapy, according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

A team of seven doctors reported in today's issue of the journal that they were able to produce a remission in 10 out of their 11 patients with secondary acute non-lymphocytic leukemia using high doses of a drug called cytarabine.

Secondary leukemia strikes one out of every 20 people treated for Hodgkin's disease, which is cancer of the lymph nodes. Conventional anti-leukemia drugs work only about 10 per cent of the time.

Kaunda praises China for 'invaluable' help

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP). — President Kenneth Kaunda told visiting Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang that China is an "all-weather friend" because of its continuing "invaluable assistance" to Zambia.

Zhao visited Kaunda at the State House Wednesday night after arriving for a four-day visit to the Central African nation.

Pym still wants to receive Arab League group

LONDON. — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, who was forced to call off a Middle East tour after being rebuffed by three Arab states, says he still wants to receive an Arab League peace mission in London.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar told Pym he was not welcome, forcing him to postpone his tour just a week before he was due to leave for the Middle East.

Pym said Wednesday night he hoped the Arab League visit to London to explain the league's Middle East peace plans would go ahead "in the not too distant future."

But he gave no indication that Britain would lift its refusal to welcome a PLO representative as a member of the delegation, which had

angered the Arabs.

Pym had planned to visit Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar and Oman next week in a bid to patch up differences.

Informed sources told Reuters Wednesday that three countries had told him he was not welcome and only Oman would still receive him. The whole trip was postponed indefinitely.

The original plan for the Arab League mission was that it would visit London in November as part of a tour of major world capitals canvassing support for its peace plans.

The visit was deferred while a compromise was sought. Pym said Wednesday night that his trip had been postponed and not cancelled, and said the decision was made after friendly and

close consultation with the Arab countries.

But the opposition Labour Party's foreign affairs spokesman Denis Healey said the snub had left Pym "a pathetic, humiliated figure."

The incident had damaged British interests and could cost thousands of jobs and millions of pounds worth of trade with the Arab world, he said.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian state radio said Wednesday that Britain's insistence on its current policy toward the PLO would undermine its national interests.

This came in a political commentary which made several pointed references to "the interests" Britain and other unidentified Western countries were "jeopardizing" by their Mideast policy. (Reuters, AP)

Warsaw Pact calls on West to avert N-war 'catastrophe'

PRAGUE. — The Warsaw Pact, warning of the "catastrophic consequences" of nuclear war, yesterday called on NATO to renounce the use of military force and published a long list of arms-control proposals.

The Communist leaders, who held a summit conference here on Tuesday and Wednesday, said their countries "turn to the member states of the North Atlantic pact with a proposal to conclude an agreement to renounce the use of military force and to preserve peaceful relations."

The proposal includes a pledge by both East and West not to be the first to use any kind of military force, either nuclear or conventional.

The declaration also called on NATO to consider the offer carefully and respond to it constructively, but first responses from Western governments were mostly lukewarm.

While much of the declaration was devoted to endorsing well-known Soviet positions, it appeared to contain some new elements.

It gave a higher priority than any previous Warsaw Pact policy statement to military confidence-building measures and the verification of arms control agreements, two issues which are given high priority by the West.

Rather, they proposed a radical reduction of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe as an alternative to a "zero option" that would ban all such weapons from the continent.

The declaration condemned NATO plans to deploy new American medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe by the end of this year. This posed serious danger for European nations and would weaken confidence and cause the situation in the continent to deteriorate, it said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Ronald Reagan has hinted that an arms-control agreement was possible this year.

He reacted cautiously to the Warsaw Pact proposals for a summit meeting and a non-aggression pact between NATO and the Eastern bloc.

Giving the first U.S. reaction to the proposal for a non-aggression treaty with NATO, the president said the idea should certainly be considered by the U.S. and its Western allies.

However, he welcomed the recent suggestion by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov for a summit and said the meeting must be carefully planned so there would be a good chance for real accomplishments.

In Europe, western governments promised to study the Communist call, but many officials doubted it would help East-West relations. (AP, Reuters).

British board Danish ship in 'sprat war'

NEWCASTLE, England (Reuters). — British fisheries officials boarded the trawler of a militant Danish captain off northeast England yesterday in what was virtually an arranged rendezvous to test Britain's new fishing restrictions.

Captain Kent Kirk, 34, a member of the European Parliament, was courted by British fishing boats inside the 12-mile coastal zone from which Danish fishermen are barred.

Radio reports from the 140-ton trawler Sand Kirk said a party from a British Navy Fisheries protection vessel, the Dumbarton Castle, had come aboard the Danish trawler.

Britain's new fishing measures, which came into force on January 1, exclude Danish trawlers because Denmark refused to approve a new European Common Market fisheries policy which was to have been effective the same day.

A British government spokesman said yesterday that the captain had been formally cautioned by the navy boarding party that he was suspected of fishing illegally and had agreed to go into port.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said it planned to follow its normal routine to the letter. Under that procedure a suspect captain would be interviewed again in port, then formally charged and his ship and catch impounded, the spokesman said.

Denmark alone of the 10 Common Market countries has refused to endorse a community policy sharing fishing rights among member states. The Danes say that without a unanimous agreement the policy is invalid and community treaties give them the right to fish right up to British beaches.

In Brussels yesterday, West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher convened urgent talks to try to head off an Anglo-Danish conflict.

Genscher, present chairman of the Common Market's Council of Ministers, arranged a meeting for yesterday evening with Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen and European Commission Vice-President Francois-Xavier Ortoli.

Meyer Lansky hospitalized for dehydration

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP). — Meyer Lansky, 81, the reputed financial genius of organized crime, has been admitted to Mount Sinai Hospital suffering dehydration, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Lansky was found innocent of income tax evasion in July 1973 after health problems delayed his trial and limited court sessions to four or five hours a day. He steadfastly denied underworld ties. Dozens of investigations have failed to positively link him to crime operations.

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Reagan lauds U.S. military

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan defended the intelligence of American fighting men, their spirit and the quality of American airplanes on Wednesday night, and said that women would not be found on the battlefield.

He was responding to reporter Sarah McClelland, who asked whether Reagan would look into a published report that manufacturers' representatives must accompany troops into the field to explain weapons that are over-complicated.

She also quoted the report as saying the Israelis take expensive electronics off planes sold to them by the U.S. "and learn to fly them effectively and better than any planes ever flown." Reagan replied that he did not think it was true, adding: "I also think that the Israelis have proven that those planes must be pretty good."

Reagan said the U.S. army "now has an intelligence level that is higher than any army in our past history, even including the draft," with "an esprit de corps that should make every one of us proud of them."

McClelland admonished the president that "there are more women high school graduates than men," but Reagan replied, "I don't think we'll put the young women in those combat front ranks."

"We're ready," shouted McClelland, 72. As the press corps laughed, Reagan said: "I'll tell them they've got one volunteer already."

South African blacks reject Coloured move as 'sell-out'

JOHANNESBURG. — Black political groups in South Africa have condemned as a sell-out the Coloured (mixed race) Labour Party's decision on Tuesday to cooperate in the white Nationalist government's constitutional reform process.

A leading article in *Sowetan*, the daily newspaper serving Soweto, the black satellite city outside Johannesburg, called yesterday for the Labour Party to be expelled from the black alliance led by Zulu chief Gathisa Buthelezi because it had "thrown in the towel" and sold out to the government.

On the other hand, Prime Minister P. W. Botha yesterday praised the Labour Party for deciding to participate in the new three-chamber parliament for whites, mixed-race and Asian people. Blacks remain excluded in the new plan.

In Washington on Wednesday, the State Department praised the South African government for its step. "A process of change is under way, and we support it," spokesman John Hughes told reporters. (Reuters, AP)

Iran's prisons overcrowded

LONDON (Reuters). — Prisoners in Iran are being held in the former U.S. embassy in Teheran because the country's jails are overcrowded, Amnesty International said in a report published in London.

The human rights organization said Teheran's jails were so full that the authorities were hastily building new blocks and using various buildings in an attempt to solve the problem. Torture was widespread and

Nuclear satellite heads for crash

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Defence Department expects a crippled nuclear-powered Soviet spy satellite to crash land, probably at the end of this month. The Pentagon said in a statement Wednesday it was monitoring the

Britain's jobless hits record 13.3 per cent

LONDON (AP). — Britain's unemployment total rose by nearly 34,000 last month to a record 3,096,597, or 13.3 per cent of the 21 million-strong national workforce, the Employment Department announced yesterday.

"Unless the Russians come up with something, it will crash," a Defence Department source said. Meanwhile in Moscow, a senior Soviet space official denied that the satellite was out of control and was likely to crash.

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Sports

Only Botham 'walk on water' can save England now

SYDNEY. — Australia are poised to regain the Ashes from England, the traditional cricket trophy for which the teams have competed for 100 years, after setting the tourists a seemingly impossible victory target of 460 in the fifth and final Test here yesterday.

To add to England's misery, in the final 15 minutes before the close they lost opener Geoff Cook and ended the day on eight for one. The match ends today.

Australia, resuming today at 90 for three in their second innings went on to score 382. Kim Hughes scored 137, with 12 fours and three sixes, Allan Border 83 and Rodney Marsh 41. Kim Hughes (137) and Allan Border (85) buried England's hopes of the victory they needed to square the five-match series by putting on 149 for the fifth wicket.

SCORES: Australia 314 and 382, England 237 and eight for one.

Hughes hugely delighted after his brilliant knock which included 12 fours and three sixes, said: "It's great to play an innings that helped Australia take the Ashes. But we haven't won yet — Ian Botham has 'walked on water' three times in

England and against us and could do it again here."

Hughes predicted that Botham, in particular, would not play for a draw and that England have the attacking batsmen who will fight it out to the last. Botham was a bogeyman for the Australians on the last England tour with 149 not out at Headingley and century at Old Trafford which helped England win the series.

But only a super optimist or Anglophile could see England's task as anything other than impossible. It envisages 425 runs in 360 minutes — fractionally over 150 per session against an Australian attack of pace and spin which has already proved too good in this series.

A surprise in England's tactics was the way Willis persisted almost throughout the day with a spin attack.

PITILESS PAKISTAN

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Pakistan's cricket team lost the first day of the third test, taking their score to 594 for six in reply to India's 372 all out. Four men made centuries — Zaheer Abbas 168, Javed Miandad 126 (10 fours and 3 sixes), Iqbal Khan 117 (8 fours and 5 sixes, Salim Malik 102 not out).

Perryman has a dream

LONDON (AP). — Tottenham Hotspur, bidding to become the first team this century to win the English FA Soccer Cup three years in succession, open their campaign with a third round match at home against Southampton.

Blackburn Rovers, in 1886, were the last team to lift the knockout trophy for three straight years and Spurs skipper Steve Perryman has fixed his dreams on equalling that feat. Perryman, in his 16th season with Spurs, says: "We are tired after the holiday programme, but the cup is a booster. There is a buzz about the place."

Tottenham have 10 first team squad players under treatment and Argentine international Osvaldo Ardiles has not been granted a clearance in time to play, but Perryman says defeat would be a disaster.

There are three all-First Division games in addition to the Spurs vs. Southampton match. Manchester United host West Ham, Norwich face Swansea and Sunderland are at home to Manchester City.

In a lone Division One league match on Wednesday, West Ham will defend 3-3 at home to Luton.

Ice-cool Andy

NEW YORK (AP). — Philadelphia's Andrew Toney had a lot of options, all of them attractive. With the score tied and time running out in overtime, he could pass to Moses Malone, he could pass to Julius Erving or he could shoot.

Toney, known for his icy composure and hot hand, sank a bank shot with five seconds remaining in overtime to give the 76ers a thrilling 122-120 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night in a matchup of last year's National Basketball Association finalists.

The 76ers have now won the only two scheduled matchups this season with the Lakers.

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Focus

Delivered goods

By MARK SEGAL, Post Political Correspondent

THE MOOD these days at Histadrut headquarters is one of sober elation. The General Federation of Labour has demonstrated that it can deliver the goods to the country's wage-earners. Now celebrating its 60th anniversary, the old war-horse has shown that it still has plenty of life, refuting the charge that it was suffering from acute hardening of the arteries.

Above all, is Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel pointed out in an interview this week, the overwhelming mass of workers in public employment rallied round the federation in its struggle with the government to get a new collective pay contract. Another cause for satisfaction was the way the Histadrut's role as the representative of organized labour had been reinforced during the drawn-out El Al crisis. Generally speaking, "I'm sorry that we had to resort to strike tactics and deny the public its customary services," he declared, "but we had no choice. We had to protect the living standards of public employees."

Mesheh was happy that the Histadrut had managed to speak on behalf of all 15 trade unions in the public sector. This had aroused wonder among visiting delegates of the Australian labour movement who had envied the cohesion of organized labour in Israel. In other countries, each union strove for as big a chunk of the national cake as it could get; here the centrally-guided trade union movement was always conscious of its responsibility to the general welfare of wage-earners and the country's economy. Talk of politically-inspired moves had been demonstrably disproved. "All anyone needs to do is to come with me to work places and hear the militancy of Likud staff-committee members," he asserted.

He went out of his way to praise the teamwork of his colleagues on the Vaad Hapoele, particularly his deputy, trade union head Israel Kassar. He confirmed his intention of naming Kassar as his successor. The 70-year-old secretary-general confirmed the commitment he gave in 1981 that this would be his last term in office. He is the first Histadrut

chief to have undertaken to present his successor to the Labour Party Central Committee for its approval.

He was glad that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor had finally decided to end the intolerable situation whereby 430,000 public sector employees had been without wage agreements for nine months. However, he was annoyed with Finance Ministry Director-General Ezra Sadan for trying to renege, in talks with the unions, on promises made by Aridor on TV's Moked programme a few days earlier.

MESHEH was thankful that the finance minister had eventually abandoned his design for changes in the cost-of-living allowance system that would have made hostages of nearly half a million workers. "What right did he have to introduce such a linkage? We've managed very well for the past 30 years without an Aridor interfering. He has to realize that no one will agree to one C-o-L allowance system for the entire economy and another for public service personnel," he declared.

The drawn-out negotiations had ensured that the parallel functions of wages and C-o-L payments would remain separate and complementary. It had been difficult to keep up with Aridor's zigzags.

"First, he spoke of paying 100 per cent compensation, then he discarded that line. Later he spoke of 'full compensation at regular intervals,' and then of monthly compensation." At the time this had fortified a strong suspicion, based on data compiled by the Histadrut social and economic research institute, that the Treasury's real aim was to undercut wage-earners' purchasing power at a time of galloping inflation.

MENTION of the advocacy of radical wage cuts by an Aridor adviser, Bank of Israel Deputy Governor Yakir Plessner, brought an explosion from Mesheh.

"We are for reducing price rises. Aridor talks in terms of lowering prices by psychological means. It's like treating flu by breaking the thermometer. He spoke of a 5 per cent compensation, not based on any objective criteria but dependent on the goodwill of the government, instead of a valid agreement as has been the practice for the past 30 years. He sought to detach wages from reality. With all due respect to the minister, housewives cannot pay their grocery bills with psychology. 'I appreciate that Aridor is in a panic because the inflationary spiral has gone much higher under him than in the times of Hurwitz and Ehrlich. But we will never allow him to make us the scapegoat or allow him to extricate himself from messes of his own making by artificial means.'"

Mesheh argued that the government has turned its priorities upside down. Instead of encouraging production and exports, it is fostering consumption and imports. "The country has become a prisoner of the theories peddled by the group around Aridor," he declared angrily.

HE WAS pleased that it would no longer be necessary to down municipal services to ensure city employees a living wage, and trusted that the public understood the reasons for its discomfort. Mesheh commented with a sardonic grin that through his tendency to over-centralize, Aridor had denied himself some useful allies. Indeed, certain local council leaders had called on him, Mesheh, shortly before driving up to Jerusalem to urge Premier Begin's intervention

to save municipal services from collapse.

"The mayors belonged to all parties, including the Likud. They could not accept the passive role dictated to them by the Treasury," he pointed out, noting that the union of local government employees had a wage contract separate from that obtaining for government employees.

The labour chief wondered why the other public employers had abdicated their responsibilities to Aridor and chosen to keep silent.

"When they keep silent, it's never called a political act. If Aridor makes pronouncements, it's not called politics. But when we disagree with him, we are 'indulging in politics.' But we won't allow him to browbeat organized labour, and we will continue to explain our position. I'm waiting for him to accuse [Eli Hurwitz and other leaders of the Manufacturers Association of indulging in politics because they criticize him."

THE HISTADRUT could not accept the finance minister's original design to restructure the C-o-L allowance system so that it would be "out of touch with reality and the objective criteria established by the Central Bureau of Statistics." Organized labour could not agree to a system in which Treasury officials would decide what was their due in coping with the inflationary tide.

"We regard the C-o-L allowance as compensation for price rises, the Treasury sees it as a mechanism for establishing real wages - whatever that may mean," he explained.

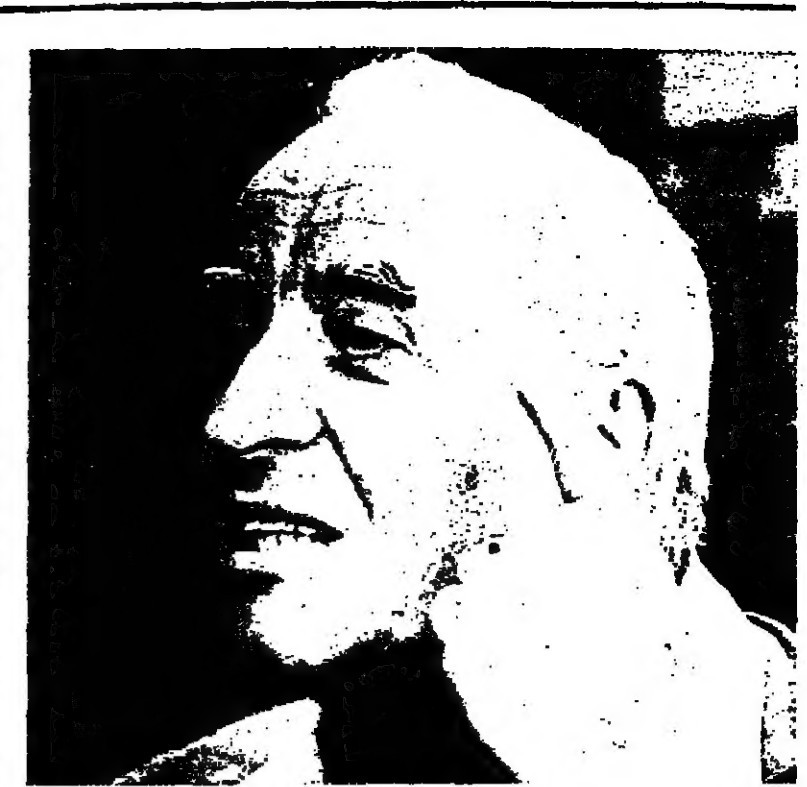
A steady agreement on the restructuring of the C-o-L allowance was now in the offing, said Mesheh. He produced a copy of the letter he had sent to the finance minister and to Eli Hurwitz in his

capacity as president of the coordinating bureau of the private sector, detailing the Histadrut's consent to the change of the system from a three-monthly to a monthly payment. But he pointed to the important proviso that the monthly adjustments must be based on data supplied by the Statistics Bureau and "not according to the whim of any Treasury official."

"I hope that even Aridor has finally been persuaded that free collective bargaining is preferable to any imposed arrangements," he said, relating that the minister had told them he would now drop his declared intention of tabling a bill regulating wages. "I'm glad he dropped it, because it would have caused constant ferment instead of stability."

LOOKING AHEAD, now that two-yearly agreements for public-sector wages and the C-o-L allowance had been concluded, Mesheh was convinced that there was a good chance of peace on the labour front. He had always advocated cooperation rather than confrontation, and believed that the tripartite commission on employment, encompassing government, Histadrut and employers, should set the pattern for other major areas such as housing, economic growth, development and the causes of inflation. "The Histadrut wants to be a partner, not an adversary," he declared.

This week, in his capacity as chairman of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, Mesheh produced a decision - after leftist elements in the Alignment had raised the issue - enabling Histadrut firms to operate across the green line. Here he complained of the present government's "distorted priorities" of investing so much in the West Bank and so little in Galilee and the Negev. He touched on the complexity of the issue under debate: "The federation is composed of various factions, each riven by disagreement on the question. The matter before us was whether to adopt a decision that would cause the dismissal of many workers. Supposing Solei Boneh doesn't build on the West Bank, will



Yehoram Meshel: 'We won't be browbeaten.' (Rubinger)

construction cease? Koor has a factory for prefabs in Ashkelon providing work for many families. What are we to do about them? It's a complicated matter. How could we explain to these workers and their families a decision to do away with their jobs?"

REGARDING the Histadrut's international situation, Mesheh claims that the Histadrut is suffering in the world labour movement because of the policies of the Begin government. He is a vice-president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

At the latest ICFTU executive meeting in Brussels at the end of November, he had a hard time convincing an anti-Israel draft resolution tabled by Habib Ashour of Tunis and Lebanon's George Sacre, with the active aid of the Italians and the Norwegians.

The Arab resolution spoke of "condemning Israel for the invasion of Lebanon, and for the crimes committed by its army and the conditions it demanded for withdrawal, which prevent the pull-out of all

other armed forces, thereby preventing the reconstruction of Lebanon." Another clause advocated an independent Palestinian state "in conquered Palestine."

All attempts at reaching a compromise failed. Ashour crossed swords in the committee with AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland of the U.S., arguing, "Why do you, who supported Tunisian independence, not want the same for the Palestinians?" This brought the American labour leader to declare: "Just because I was for Tunisian independence, I don't want to help the PLO destroy Israel's independence."

In the end, the ICFTU adopted a resolution urging the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon, registering its confidence that peace in the Middle East would be achieved only by recognizing the rights of all peoples in the region to live in security and peace, and urging the recognition of Israel by its neighbours. When it came to the vote, only the two Arabs were against, and their allies abstained.

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Chief Rabbis Ovadia Yosef and Shlomo Goren: support from Begin. (Sven Nackstrand)

RAHUL escalated his attacks, particularly on the Labour opposition for "lack of patriotism."

In political circles, they're saying that whenever Rahul meets with Sharon he takes a careful look at the minister's chair. Perhaps the C-o-S is thinking of taking the seat back to his Tel Adashim carpentry shop for some alterations.

The other former Aridor pal is El Al president Nahman Perel, who appears to be the prime victim of the clean sweep engineered by the national airline's new broom, Rafi Harar.

MATCHMAKER, matchmaker. We've been told that the real shadchan in the FIBI-Mizrachi bank deal was Ya'acov Gadish, chief of the Treasury's budgeting division and a member of Kibbutz Yavne. Gadish's political mentor is Abraham Melamed, the NRP's man on the Knesset Finance Committee. Melamed, and UMB's Meir and Bank of Israel Governor Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum are not so incidentally all life-long members of Dr. Yosef Burg's Luminar faction in the NRP.

QUICK CHANGE DEPT: The NRP leadership is suddenly discovering its old moderate image, what with Dr. Yitzhak Rabin breathing down their necks. Dr. Burg, hitherto a loyal supporter of the Likud line in the autonomy talks, has announced that "there's no calamity in seeking a compromise with the Arab states," at a study day on religious parties at Bar-Ilan University, held in memory of the late editor of Hutsfof, Yitzhak Dov-Yihye. Burg even claimed "already back in 1967 I warned against the danger of Messianic ideas as a basis for political action."

At Metzudat Ze'ev, they are wondering whether the weekly pilgrimage made by Herut Knesset faction head Romie Mblo to the 13th floor secretariat chairman's office of Aridor, indicates that he is beginning to seek another party option to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. One thing is stable at the Metzuda - the continuing close relationship between Aridor and party information chief Gideon Gador.

ANYONE REMEMBER what Begin used to sarcastically call "the historic quarrel" between Aridor and Israel TV's economic correspondent Elisha Spiegelman? Well that broils is so well buried that Aridor is shortly appointing Spiegelman to a much sought-after information job with the Israel economic mission in New York.

KUDOS. In an updated version of his book *The Knesset*, Labour MK and Haifa University political scientist Shervah Weiss singles out four women MKs as the most diligent members of our parliament: Ora Namir, Shoshana Arbel-Almoulin (both Labour), Shulamit Aloni (CRM) and Gaila Cohen (Tehiya). He argues that women politicians display a greater sense of public duty than the menfolk.

Aloni, the most vocally feminist of the quartet this week told *Natama* the Histadrut women's magazine, that politically-involved wives can often hamper their husbands' career. She disclosed that back in 1961, when she had just plunged into the political race, her husband Reaven - then assistant director of Israel Lands Authority - was advised by then agriculture minister, the late Moshe Dayan, that he would not be promoted to director "because of your wife's political activity." Aloni remarked indignantly: "The attitude was premised on the view that what the wife says must be of necessity be at the husband's prompting."

KNESSET Speaker Menahem Saviv jumped right into action this week. A matter of hours after he had become acting president, in Navon's absence, he was at Beit Hanassi to inaugurate the annual WIZO fund drive. That's certainly a presidential function even if his wife, Mrs. Raya Saviv, was not the Israel WIZO publicity chief.

Also very much in evidence at the ceremony were Israel WIZO head Michael Moda'i and campaign chief Tamar Chorley. Not so irrelevant is the fact that Mmes. Moda'i and Chorley were behind the Israel WIZO paid adverts backing the Begin government's briefly-held

decision not to appoint a commission of inquiry into the Sabra-Shatilla massacre.

SOME MKS say that Saviv is using his high office to make up long time personal accounts. One example: those who should know who claim that Saviv's irrational attack on outgoing Ambassador to Brazil, Shaul Ramati (not a "genuine Israeli") can be traced to three and a half decades ago when Saviv, lost to Ramati, who had interrupted his Oxford university studies to become a Mahal volunteer in 1948, in the contest for the hand of Esther, who became Mrs. Ramati. This explains Saviv's remark, in his letter to *The Post*, that he had known Ramati for 35 years. Some people link Saviv's quarrel with Netanel Lorch, whom he dismissed as Knesset clerk, to their clash when Lorch was a young IDF officer and Saviv a Military Police officer.

WHAT A WAIF. Rafi Nelson, who owns the holiday village at Taba, this week made news of a kind by sending a telegram to Elizabeth Taylor, reading as follows: "I'm an orphan Stop. I lost an eye in the war Stop. Please adopt me. Stop."

Has anyone noticed the curious coincidence that La Taylor - like Israel-visiting movie stars Jane Fonda and Farrah Fawcett - suffered a sprained or broken foot here?

FILM PRODUCER Menahem Golan used the visit of Brooke Shields starring in his movie "Sahara" to announce this week that he and his partner, Yoram Globus, are building a studio complex plus an airfield at Ma'aleh Adumin. They are to invest \$1m. and apparently rely on the government to provide the other \$7m.

The real news was that they have persuaded Yitzhak (Itzik) Kol to leave the Herzliya Film and TV studios after 15 years to become their new project's general manager.

Having just completed the filming of a new soft porn version in Italy of *Emile Zola's Nana* with Mandy Rice-Davies in a leading role, Golan announced a \$10 million production here of a TV series about Moshe Dayan. The script will be written by the two Dayan children, novelist Yael Dayan-Silo and film actor-director Assaf Dayan. Globus will produce and Golan direct the production, to be based on three of Dayan's books, the rights of which Golan acquired from Mrs. Rachel Dayan.

THE MOVEMENT for a Better Israel is planning a "Black Book" in its campaign against verbal violence by public figures, whether in the Knesset, the Zionist Congress or in civic life. Movement chairman Judge Micha Lindemstrass has written to Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chick) Lahat, advising him that he will appear in the Black Book for having screamed at Gaila Cohen "I've got more sense in my shoe than you have in your entire head." Labour MK Elisha Speiser has already told Chick: "It's perfectly true. All your sense is in your shoe."

THE HUNDREDTH anniversary of the aliya of the father of modern Hebrew, Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, was marked by the aliya of his

great-grandson, 24-year-old New York-born Zach Casuto. The youngster, now doing his national service as a medic in the Israel Air Force, told *Banahaneh*, about the wandering of the children of the first Hebrew-speaking family from Jerusalem to Brooklyn. His mother is Eliezer, daughter of the late Eliezer Ben-Yehuda.

Apparently young Casuto came on aliya contrary to his parent's wishes, and he plans to study medicine after he completes his army service. The 24-year-old, speaks close links with his famous grandfather: "We were born exactly a century apart, we both arrived here at the same age, and our first stop was Jerusalem."

HAPPY 85. David Hachohen, the grand old man of the Labour movement, is currently celebrating his 85th birthday. Last weekend the Haifa Maritime Club marked the occasion with a grand party for one of its founders.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES. Our favourite astrologer, Ilan Pecker, sees elections in the stars for 1983. And he also has the following predictions about some of our most public faces:

— Yitzhak Navon, an Aries, will indeed take the plunge into politics, but only after a year out of public office;

— Shimon Peres, like Menachem Begin born under the Leo sign, will see his prospects for the premiership recede even more;

— Arik Sharon and Yitzhak Rabin, both will have exciting years. Pecker says that Sharon is in for a political crisis, which he will weather, while Rabin too can expect an unspecified change.

— Yitzhak Shamir, a Libra, has the best chance of succeeding Begin;

— Yoram Aridor, a Scorpio, will entrench his power as a political king-maker. But King Hussein of Jordan, who shares the same sign, is nearing the end of his 30-year cycle;

— Ronald Reagan, an Aquarius, may be in his last year in the White House.

FAUX PAS DEPT. Did anyone wonder why Moshe Freier, the 71-year-old founder of Youth Aliya, wasn't at the Youth Aliya session of the 30th Zionist Congress? The answer, given by Mrs. Freier in a letter to *Ha'aretz* this week, is amazingly simple. "I wasn't invited," she said.

When we inquired, WZO spokesman Zvi Eyal was most apologetic. It was merely an oversight on the part of the Congress organizers. It appears that Freier had turned down an invitation to the Congress opening session, and the organizers "thought he didn't want to come" to the Youth Aliya meeting.

But Eyal assured us that Freier will be invited to the launching of Youth Aliya's Jubilee Year, at Beit Hanassi later this month. We certainly hope so.

MOVING ON. Congratulations are certainly in order to Harold Richman, the general manager and area vice-president of Sheraton Hotels in Israel. Richman will be moving to Boston, after his promotion to senior vice-president of the Sheraton Hotels Corp. Taking over at the Tel Aviv Sheraton will be Per Kjellstrom, the manager of the chain's Stockholm outlet.

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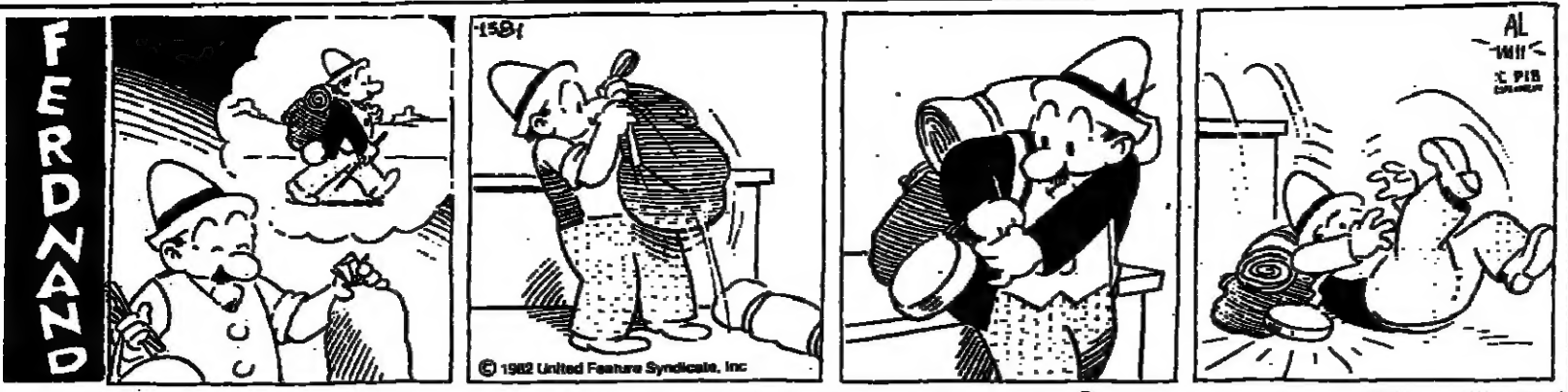
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Home birth

Many women feel that a woman has an inalienable right to give birth under circumstances she herself chooses — and the mechanized hospital ward is not the ambience of their choice. D'VORA BEN SHAUL looks at the pros and cons of home confinement.



"HOSPITALS are the place for sick people who need treatment," according to Liann Schwartz of Raersheba. She was sitting in a comfortable chair in her home, holding her newborn daughter. This was Liann's third child, the second she had at home with the assistance of a friend who is a qualified midwife.

"I am not ill," she continued. "I am a healthy, normal woman, doing the healthiest and most normal thing a woman can do — having a baby."

Liann is one of a number of young women who, despite restrictions, official disapproval and financial loss, have in recent years opted for home confinement.

Like many countries, Israel has developed a system wherein almost 100 per cent of babies born are born in hospitals. The reason behind this system is that it is used for the protection of the woman and the child.

Some women, however, argue with this contention and feel that a woman has an inalienable right to give birth under the circumstances she herself chooses. The mechanized, routinized hospital maternity ward with its glaring lights, impersonal attention and continuous medically oriented interference is not the ambience of their choice.

Liann decided to have her second child at home after what she called the "horror" of having the first one in one of the country's leading hospitals. When she first found out that she was pregnant, Liann yielded to the wishes of her husband and family, and decided to use a private obstetrician.

"He never explained anything to me," she said. When I asked him anything, he just told me not to worry because he would take care of everything. When I told him I was attending Lamaze classes for natural childbirth, he snorted and said "You'll change your mind about that when the time comes."

During the last half of the eighth month, more than a week before her due date, Liann visited her doctor who suddenly told her he wanted her to go the next day to the hospital and have her labour induced. When, alarmed, she asked him if anything was the matter he said, "I feel it's best. Now just do as I say."

Liann was particularly upset because her husband, a geologist, had gone into the desert for a few days to do an oil survey and would only return at the end of the week. She was unable to contact him and, therefore, went to the hospital without him.

After being shaved and having an enema, Liann was given an intravenous drip with a hormone to induce labour. Like many induced labours, this one was more intense than normal and included a trip to the delivery room to have the membranes — which in normal birth most often rupture spontaneously — ruptured by surgical means, in order to speed up labour.

"In 36 hours," recalled Liann, "I was examined rectally 23 times, by six different people, some of whom I only saw once."

Liann still remembers the misery of the room that was too cold, the bright lights, and the lonely feeling that she might as well talk to the wall than try to talk to the people around her.

The situation was not helped by the woman in the next bed who was hysterical from the start of labour right to the end.

"She kept screaming, even between contractions. She wanted an anaesthetic from the first moment," Liann added. "She reminded me of Woody Allen talking about dying — he knows it's inevitable but just doesn't want to be there when it happens."

Just before being wheeled into the delivery room, Liann was given an injection of demerol, although she protested that she didn't want it. If delivery, an anaesthetic mask was slapped on her face despite her

objections. She most resented having her hands tied in the cuffs.

Liann gave birth to a healthy son and suffered, she said, more from the stitches of the episiotomy than from anything else. The next day when she asked where her doctor was, the nurse said, "Dr. I. is in America, dear. He left last night."

It was then that Liann realized that the reason for her induced labour had nothing to do with her at all, but was done in consideration of the doctor's planned trip. When he returned she challenged him on this and he answered, "I never said there was anything wrong. I said I thought it was best. I did think it best that you have the baby while I was here."

Liann, still fuming over this after five years, still wants to know, "best for whom?"

Katje, a midwife and registered nurse trained in Holland, helped Liann have her next two children.

"In Holland," said Katje, "slightly over 50 per cent of all babies are born at home. I have personally delivered over 200. Holland has one of the lowest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world — lower than West Germany, where virtually 100 per cent of the women give birth in hospitals."

Asked about complications and the reputed dangers of home delivery, Katje answered, "Of 200 home deliveries I have assisted with, six women needed to be transferred to the hospital after the onset of labour. All delivered safely. There are two important factors and one is proper prenatal screening. Any woman who has a history of certain illnesses, whose pelvic measurements are less than optimal, who develops certain problems like bleeding or toxemia during pregnancy — all these are classified as high-risk maternities."

"They should be treated like any other person who is ill, preferably in a hospital. But if a woman is healthy and knows what she wants, she usually is much happier when she delivers at home. I hold that giving birth should be a happy experience."

The second factor Katje stressed was also emphasized by a physician living in Israel, who officiated at many home deliveries in England, where they are still common. The problem, both agreed, does not stem from the women nor the lack of midwives, but from the fact that because of official disapproval, hospitals are not geared to give adequate back-up service for home births.

"The doctor or professional midwife who delivers a baby at home needs to know that the specialists, the surgery room, in case of emergency, the intensive care nursery...are all as near as the telephone. Without this, it's problematic."

Iris Lee and her husband, Eitan, provided a sort of back-up service for themselves. Eitan, a former military medic who performed his first delivery in the back of a command car, (the woman was a Beduin from the Sinai), has delivered all four of the little Lees himself.

But with each pregnancy, Iris registered with the hospital and with Tipat Halav, attended prenatal clinics, and did everything as if she intended to deliver at the hospital — but when the time came, she stayed at home.

All women such as Iris who choose to have their babies at home, however, automatically forfeit the stipend new mothers get from the National Insurance fund. The fund pays only to women who deliver in hospital. The rule came into being in the 1950's to discourage home delivery.

Whether this kind of discrimination would stand up to a test in court is another matter. One Jerusalem attorney said he didn't think it would. He explained that here was already a precedent that could have a bearing on such a decision.

It seems that in the '60s, a woman who had adopted an infant applied

Just vegetating

Jeanne Weisgal prepares a vegetarian dinner party menu.

soup, whisking constantly. Return soup to a simmer. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Garnish each serving with minced parsley leaves.

Spinach Lasagne — Alma
A delicious, inexpensive dish. Perfect for dinner, lovely for brunch.

(Serves 12, generously)
225 gr. lasagne noodles
800 gr. frozen spinach leaves, thawed
1 1/4 kilo dry cottage cheese (low fat)
2 tsp. salt
pinch each: nutmeg, marjoram
100 gr. butter or margarine
200 gr. onions, finely chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
200 gr. butter or margarine
1/4 cup flour
3 cups hot milk
2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. fresh white pepper
1 tsp. each sweet basil and oregano
pinch cayenne pepper
2 egg yolks
450 gr. Swiss-type cheese, grated
1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook lasagne noodles in boiling, salted water until *al dente* — about 10 minutes. Drain, rinse in cold water and lay on towels to dry. In a large mixing bowl, combine drained and squeezed spinach, cottage cheese, salt, nutmeg and marjoram.

Fry onions and garlic in 100 gr. butter or margarine until well softened. Add to spinach-cheese mixture, mix well and set aside.

In a saucepan, melt 200 gr. butter or margarine, add flour and mix. While whisking constantly, add hot milk all at once. Whisk until sauce is thick and smooth. Add salt, pepper, basil, oregano and cayenne. Simmer sauce over very low heat for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In a large baking pan (32x27x7 1/2 cm.) suitable for the table, layer as follows: 1. A thin layer of sauce 2. covering layer of noodles (use half) 3. layer of spinach mixture (use all) 4. layer of sauce (use half) 5. layer of Swiss cheese (use all) 6. layer of noodles (use the rest) 7. layer of sauce (use the rest) 8. layer of Parmesan (use all)

The lasagne can be prepared ahead or frozen, well-covered with foil. Thaw completely before continuing.

Bake in a preheated 177° C. (350° F.) oven for one hour and 10 minutes. Remove from oven, cover with foil, let sit 10 minutes. Cut into squares to serve.

Pound Cake
A good old-fashioned favourite. (Makes two loaves or one tube)

1 tsp. whole nutmeg
3 cups flour, sift before measuring
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
450 gr. sweet butter, well softened
2 cups sugar
9 eggs, separated
2 tbs. brandy (any kind will do)

With mortar and pestle, grind nutmeg — including shell — until well pulverized. Add nutmeg to flour, salt and baking powder and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, on medium speed, cream butter well. Add sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy. Beat egg yolks and add to butter-sugar mixture. Add dry ingredients slowly and beat until smooth.

In another bowl, quickly beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into dough gently, but thoroughly. Fold in brandy.

Pour dough into two well-greased and floured loaf pans (23 x 12 1/2 cm.) or into a well-greased and floured 25-cm. tube form.

Bake in a preheated 177° C. (350° F.) oven for one hour to one hour and 10 minutes until done. Cool in pan(s) for 10 minutes before removing to a rack to cool.

Sumac, referred to in Jeanne Weisgal's recipe for Chicken Mukhan (Today section, December 31), is a dried herb available in the Arab markets.

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IN THE last few years, vegetarianism has become the rage among more and more people. In order to solve the problem of what to serve vegetarian guests, I've created several main dishes that contain no meat.

Although many vegetarians will eat fish dishes, this menu contains none but in future, I will present vegetarian menus where fish will be the focal point of the dinner.

"Chicken-flavoured soup mix or cubes — which are parve — are a flavourful substitute in vegetarian and dairy meals."

MENU

Stuffed Mushrooms

Carrot Soup

Spinach Lasagne — Alma

Cauliflower Salad

Garlic Toast

Pound Cake

Stuffed Mushrooms

"These can be prepared ahead of time and chilled, covered. Pop under the broiler for five minutes and serve."

(Makes 48)

750 gr. fresh mushrooms, including 48 large ones

100 gr. butter or margarine

250 gr. onions, minced

1 tsp. each salt and thyme

1/2 tsp. fresh black pepper

1 tbs. lemon juice

125 gr. blue cheese, crumbled

In a large fry pan, sauté in butter or margarine 48 large mushrooms caps, stems removed and put aside, for two minutes on each side. Transfer, cap side up, to a baking dish to drain. Let cool.

Finely chop leftover stems and

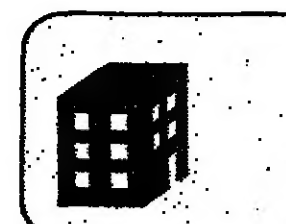
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Lawyer, experienced secretary, typist, afternoons, 221177, 224651.

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Context



Josef Singer in the cockpit of a Kfir jet fighter which he helped to design.

High-flying professor

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER/Jer

Behind the meek exterior

By DAVID KRIVINE/Jerusalem Post Correspondent



Jimmy Carter ... an iron purpose.

(Camera Press)

THE AGE of towering personalities is over. Nations are no longer headed by leonine figures separated from the common herd, like Clemenceau, Churchill, Stalin, De Gaulle, the two Roosevelts.

When Jimmy Carter first stepped into the limelight in November 1976 as president of the United States, he looked for all the world like Mr. Average. The pale facial coloring, the southern drawl, the eternal toothy grin suggested a country lad from Plains, Georgia — owner of Carter's Warehouse and brother of the egotistical Billy, whose tipsy vulgarisms helped supper Carter's elevated career.

It is hard for such a man — a quiet citizen, a devoted Southern Baptist (he went on teaching Sunday school while president), a faithful suitor from the beginning to Rosalynn, the girl who became his wife ("We never had any other real sweethearts when we were young") — it is hard for a typical lower-middle-class American like that to find himself suddenly perched on the lonely eminence there is.

The president of the United States is a one-man institution. Everybody, save his own subordinates, is ranged against him. He does not share power with ministerial colleagues, as under the cabinet system. His ministers are a kind of secretary (and are called that); he hires them and fires them.

He does not head a parliamentary majority; since he is not a member of Congress. Indeed, Congress is in rivalry with him over executive authority. This dichotomy is revealed clearly in Carter's memoirs (*Keeping Faith, Memoirs of a President*, Collins, \$15). He belonged to the Democratic Party, which controlled a majority in both houses. He should have been home and safe; but he wasn't.

THERE IS much talk nowadays about the merits of the presidential system; Carter's book exposes some of its shortcomings. It takes a lot to make this man cross, he speaks nicely of everybody — Bert Lance, brother Billy, Menachem Begin (who often drove him up the wall). Only one agency arouses his gall, and he speaks of it with real bitterness: Congress.

The constitutional system may — if a rank outsider dare risk a guess — be at fault. The president carries prime responsibility for running the country, so Congress is apt to slip into an oppositionist role. This is salutary when an errant president gets things wrong. But on a day-to-day basis, congressmen sometimes leave the task of formulating policy to the White House and concentrate instead on representing their constituents.

Constituencies are full of special interests. Whatever piece of legislation the president tables, there are always interest groups that will oppose it. Those groups find a voice in Congress. Writes Carter: "I found through bitter experience that any tax proposal — including our welfare and tax reform packages — attracted to Capitol Hill a pack of powerful and ravenous wolves, determined to secure for themselves additional benefits at the expense of other Americans."

He wanted to replace the wasteful medical insurance methods prevailing with a comprehensive health-care system which would save the American people \$50 billion over the succeeding five years. Vested interests got to work. "Congress was flooded with money, in the form of campaign contributions from the health industry." The American Medical Association alone "contributed an average

of \$8,000 to each of the 202 members of the House of Representatives who voted against the bill." Result? "They prevailed, and the American people lost." The bill was defeated.

His energy proposals encountered similar obstacles. He failed to get his programme through in 1977; it had to wait until October 1978 (and even then there were many modifications "to make it much more to the liking of the oil companies"). Carter noted in his diary: "The influence of the special interest lobbies is almost unbelievable, particularly from the automobile and oil industries."

The American public is vigilant against improprieties in high places, as was exemplified in the Watergate scandal that destroyed Richard Nixon. Bert Lance, Carter's friend and budget chief, was assailed for all sorts of offences, allegedly committed while he was still a banker — borrowing money without collateral, making unsafe loans, using the National Bank of Georgia's plane to entertain customers, giving bank overdrafts to his wife's family.

According to Carter, Lance was cleared of these charges. What remains in the reader's mind is the suspicion that public attention in the U.S. is side-tracked to the category of misdeeds that causes pursued lips but is not of the very gravest importance, while overlooking a far greater blot on the national escutcheon: the indifference shown to the national interest by many congressmen when faced with the lobbying of special interest-groups (of whom the Jewish pro-Israel lobby is no doubt one).

YET CARTER was not frustrated all the time. Behind his meek exterior lay an iron purpose. Armed with patience and persistence, he often got his way in the end, notably in his handling of the Middle East crisis.

These chapters are the most breathtaking in the book. Negotiations at Camp David are described in full detail, day by day, each of the 13 days constituting a separate session, based on his diary at the time.

Political autobiographies always give the author a central role in events. He figures as an all-wise individual who either changed the course of history or would have done so but for the stupidity of others. Allowing for that inbuilt bias, the impression still remains that without Jimmy Carter's superhuman efforts the Camp David talks might have come to nothing and the Israel-Egypt peace treaty might never have been signed.

He worked like a Trojan to bridge the unbridgeable gap between the Egyptian president and the Israeli prime minister. At the beginning, he "spelled out to Begin the advantages of a good rapport between him (Begin) and Sadat during the days ahead." Yet "for the last 10 days of negotiation leading up to our final agreement, the two men never spoke to one another, although their cottages were only about a hundred yards apart." They left the running to the American president.

A lesser mortal would have given up. The search for compromise formulae was interminable. "In all, the American team prepared 23 versions of the Framework for Peace." It seemed a lost cause, sometimes he was close to abandoning hope. By Day Three, "I did not know where to go from there." Day Seven, when he got to bed at midnight: "I had never felt so tired in my life."

Day Ten: "That evening I began to list the differences between the two nations and was heartbroken to see how relatively insignificant they really were, compared with the great advantages of peace." Nevertheless, Day Eleven: "I awoke to the realization that we could go no further."

But he would not let the two sides off the hook. They tried to storm out, Carter would not allow it: "They were moving toward the door, but I got in front of them to partially block the way."

Carter could utter hard words as well. One tête-à-tête with Begin

"was a heated discussion, unpleasant and repetitive."

The subject was Sadat's insistence that the Sinai settlements be dismantled: "I stood up for Begin to leave and accused him of being willing to give up peace with his only formidable enemy" and other important benefits — "all this just to keep a few illegal settlers on Egyptian land."

IT IS astonishing that the two sides were able, from such widely diverse starting-points, to reach agreement all the same. Carter's contribution was crucial; and there are lessons here for the future. The breach between Israel and the Arab world today is no wider than the breach that separated Begin and Sadat at Camp David.

If we adopt the all-or-nothing position taken by Gush Emunim at one extreme and the PLO at the other, it may be that the problem is insoluble. But if we fall back on a more realistic version of Israel's national interest, as voiced by the Labour opposition, and match that with the requirements of moderate Arab governments (Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon), Camp David precedents indicate that this disagreement also may find its solution.

Carter cites statements which, though they were made in private, are worth listening to.

Sadat: "Some minimal deviation from the 1967 borders might be acceptable." On Jerusalem: "He agreed that the city should never be divided again as it was from 1948 to 1967. But he insisted that the Arabs must have control over the area encompassing their own holy places."

King Hussein and the late Shah of Iran: "All three of us agreed that there should be some modification of the 1967 Israel borders; that the people in the West Bank-Gaza area should have self-determination, but not the right to claim independence."

On Sadat again: "Although he did not want a divided Jerusalem, he said there should be joint sovereignty over the area where the religious sites are located."

On Sadat after the Camp David marathon: "He was willing to say publicly that there should be no separate Palestinian state, certain that this was also the true preference of the Saudis and other moderate Arabs, although they were unwilling to say so."

POSITIONS MAY HAVE hardened since then, but the basic demands of the disputants are plainly not irreconcilable. There is enough raw material here to build a comprehensive peace settlement with the Arab world (which would incidentally, make possible a formal peace arrangement with Lebanon) — provided a start is made at negotiation.

Needed for that is a second Jimmy Carter, endowed with the two tremendous amenities that he possessed at Camp David: his power as U.S. president, and his readiness to devote every ounce of thought and energy to the task in hand.

Carter is no longer president, Kissinger — another great negotiator — is no longer secretary of state. Is it possible that Ronald Reagan may do the job, aided by the ever-resourceful George Shultz?

Success in that would provide a centerpiece for Reagan's memoirs when the time comes, no less resplendent than the story of Carter's historic breakthrough, climaxed on March 26, 1979, when the three leaders clasped hands over the first peace treaty ever concluded between Arab and Jew.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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Tel Aviv: Shmuel

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Friday, Mincha 4.35, Shabbat, Shabbat 8.00, Blessing of the Month, Mincha 12.45, 4.10, Ma'ariv 5.30.
Hanan: Asher Haimovitz.

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

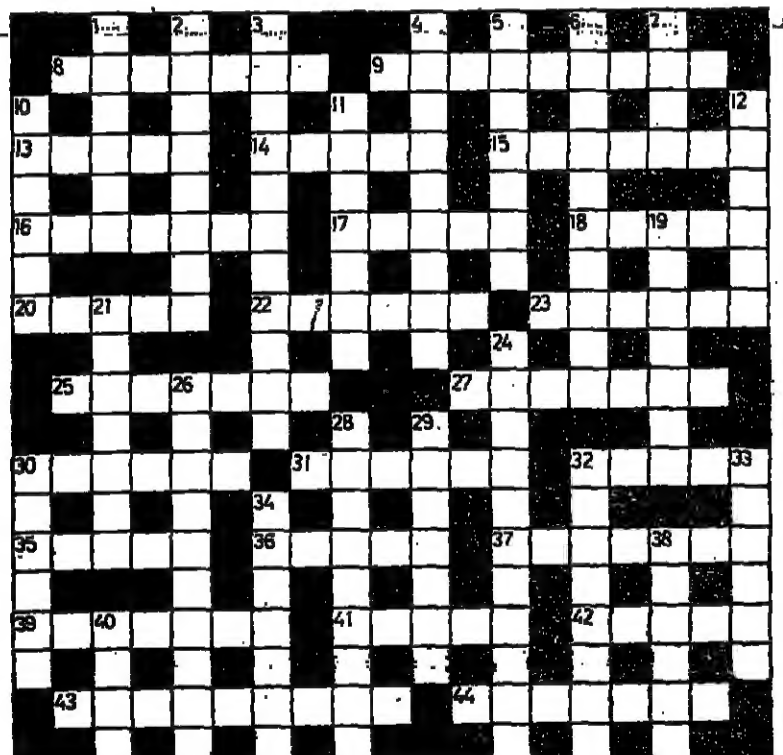
CRYPTIC PUZZLE Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

ACROSS

- The horse, made to run around, ran (7)
- Cereal that will have a tonic effect (9)
- I shed a tear about him (5)
- Wideawake after the beer, finishing off the port (5)
- From which to grow a miniature apple-tree in a tube? (7)
- Made to go ahead and introduce once (7)
- Apart from the sea-swimming I had gone in for (5)
- Follow, when half-cut, a girl (5)
- Make you sick, so you drive away (5)
- Give the child money to take back and food (6)
- He's not crooked, but straight (6)
- Can't be disturbed, being in bed, when you get in touch (7)
- Adds a couple of pages and goes no further (7)
- Food you find in villages (6)
- Get impurities out of the breed? (6)
- Spat a bit (5)
- On top of it there's no room! (5)
- Fold back to go inside it, which is foolish (5)
- Having the address in Iran, too, written out (7)
- Hold the murderer, not bound, inside (7)
- Let loose in Vietnam, as intended (5)
- Clear, for instance, on back and spine (5)
- If not, I swore to change the interior (9)
- He informs you it's a drink, dear in France (7)

DOWN

- What tells you in a shake there's a baby in the house (6)
- Stumble holding the jug up and it's goodbye to it! (6)
- The boot for doing something wrong (7, 4)
- Shortened to the short "back ward girl" (9)
- The chap with the rope is the chief (7)
- Where story begins with fellow on tree coming to grief (7, 3)
- The former final (4)
- There's meat for each basket (6)
- Asks the sea to rise and the sand to drift (7)
- Tell one again most of the red tape is ridiculous (6)
- Slim figure in a poster (7)
- Adhesive substance (5)
- Take unlawfully (5)
- Fertile area (5)
- Menaces (7)
- Does again (7)
- Die at sea (5)
- Publish (5)
- Shrieking (9)
- Aggravate (7)
- Cold fevers (6)
- Scowled (8)
- Injurious (11)
- Going backwards (9)
- Flaws (7)
- Extenuating (10)
- Land area (4)
- Handcart (6)
- Exertions (7)
- Thoroughfare (6)
- Narrow, stiff leaves (7)
- Sudden urge (7)
- Scaring (11)
- Chief troublemaker (10)
- One who disagrees (9)
- Specific task (7)
- Promise (6)
- Tiny piece (8)
- Christian festival (6)
- Devour (7)
- Put on (6)
- Step (4)
- Noel, 29, Even, 32, Stud, 33, Swine, 34, Recess, 35, Tortoise, 36, Stalls.



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READERS' LETTERS

BRONFMAN'S QUESTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Edgar Bronfman (December 27) writes: "While we may be gaining land for Jews, we are in danger of diminishing our own proud Jewish values and, as a result, our Jewish position throughout the world."

This seems to me the crux of the difference in outlook between many Israelis and many Diaspora Jews, the latter being determined to preserve their image as good Jews at all costs: Israelis, on the other hand, tend to think in terms of survival.

Does Mr. Bronfman consider himself a better Jew than members of Gush Emunim, or that he is more imbued with Jewish values than they are? But this is not really the point.

Most Israelis are not supporters of Gush Emunim nor do they have an interest in gaining more land for Jews; but they are committed to a sustained Jewish presence in the West Bank for vital security reasons. Mr. Bronfman may not remember, or simply not know, what life was like for Israeli reservists and civilians alike before June 1967.

Bronfman also quotes Zevulun Hammer to the effect that there "cannot be a holy land without a holy people." This does not mean taking up a holier-than-thou attitude from behind the ramparts ringing the good life in the Diaspora. Dissent should usefully take another form.

MEIR KEREN
Jerusalem.

UNWARRANTED FAIR PLAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Most accidents are caused by a minority of imbeciles who may be skillful drivers but are bent on showing off their prowess at every turn and systematically flout all rules in doing so.

Unfortunately, the number of police patrols on our roads is sadly inadequate and anyway, at the sight of a police vehicle, even the worst offenders will instantly don angel's wings.

Under the circumstances, I feel that it is the height of absurdity to warn the public, day in and day out, of the roads on which police patrols and radar traps are deployed. This, plus the fact that police cars are so conspicuous, virtually nullifies their effectiveness: wider use by police of civilian decoy cars is a must.

In my opinion, the police are exercising fair play where fair play is unwarranted. The maniacs I have denounced are the real scoundrels and will never be brought to heel unless pounced upon unawares and led to suspect that a policeman may lurk behind the wheel of every civilian car on the road.

GEORGE J. ELY
Herzliya.

CASE FOR SETTLEMENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Kol hakavod to Eliezer Whartman for his article of December 7, "Case for settlements." It is good to read in The Jerusalem Post such a positive opinion on the settlements in Judea and Samaria. Mr. Whartman should be commended for this article.

HARVEY HAUSNER
Kibbutz Tirat Zvi (New York).

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The women's rights movement in Israel has been on my mind recently, because most of the Jewish women I have come in contact with are unaware it exists. I wish they would read Nomi Sharon's recent report "Women and war," in "Today."

I decided that when my Israel bonds would mature, some of that money would go to women's rights groups or to shelters for battered wives. I did not have any addresses, so I called the Israel Consulate in Philadelphia. An older woman replied that she did not know what I was talking about and switched me to someone who seemed more sympathetic but who, after several futile tries, could not give me the information I wanted. Instead, she gave me the phone number and address of the embassy.

So I made a call to Washington, D.C., and again received only courtesy and encountered a sincere though futile desire to help. I have yet to receive a written reply to my query.

When I went to the Israel Bond office for information, the woman at the desk said that maybe there was no movement.

Please note that all the people I spoke to were female and demonstrated either outright unawareness of an obviously growing trend, or thinly veiled hostility and a desire to preserve the status quo.

MIRIAM GREENWALD
Merion Sta., Pennsylvania.

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CHRISTMAS COMES twice a year in Israel: the Latin Christmas celebrated on December 25 and the Eastern Christmas, which falls on January 6. Youngsters of the St. Vincent de Paul convent school in downtown Jerusalem had the best of both worlds due to the late delivery of their Jerusalem Post Toy Fund Christmas gifts.

The nuns did their part two weeks ago, and left the decorations up so that there would still be a festive atmosphere when the Toy Fund goodies arrived on January 4. Sister Marie Elizabeth, who teaches kindergarten classes, was just as eager as the youngsters when it came to opening up boxes, cuddling dolls and blowing balloons.

Most of the children at the convent are either deserted or the products of broken homes. They are of both Christian and Moslem parentage, and in some cases the products of mixed marriages between Jews and gentiles. The nuns provide for their spiritual and physical well-being and educate them in French, Hebrew, Arabic and English.

Several of the donors who contributed \$26,932.27 over the past few days have apologized for their tardiness, some adding the rider that they suppose that use can be found for the money whenever it arrives. That is only too true.

The Toy Fund total is now \$892,721.94, and a lot more is needed to put some more smiles on young faces. Extra funds are also desperately needed for "Forsake Me Not." During the past week, the Israeli media has highlighted the plight of some 16,000 elderly people whose means for keeping warm could not stand up to the weather. Send your contributions now to The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, 91000 Jerusalem and remember to make out separate checks for each individual fund. Type or block print all names intended for publication.

Toy Fund donors were:
\$108 In memory of our beloved Rina — Her parents, brothers and sisters of Sea Point, Aaron, Elise and Jordan Postnik; Jeffrey, Cymle and Debra Gauze; Aaron and Brian

The best of both worlds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Benjamin, Brian, Erik and Joy Schneidman; Shlomo, Neil and Judy Kovalski; Anne Silver, Westmount, Quebec, Canada. \$100 In honour of our three children Morris, Ilan and Yael — Roseanne and Bob Levin, Merion, Pa.
\$75 In honour of our four children, Derek, Benjamin, Jacob and Daphne Brown — Dennis and Laurel Brown, Houston, Texas.
\$42.39 Penny Egel, Tel Aviv.
\$43.39 Albert Einstein Unit B'nai B'rith, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
\$36 In memory of Joshua Gutnick — Allen, Larry, and Howard, Madison, WI, and Jerusalem.

\$25 Kate Mary Dell, North Hollywood, Ca.
\$17.50 For Eddie Newman, so very much loved and never forgotten — The Winters Family, Haifa.
\$18 In honour of our children Emily, Steven and Ronnie — Bert and Jules Bayard, Rockaway Beach, N.Y. In honour of Sara and Savia, Nathan and Louis Fischer — Their loving grandchildren Dan and Yael, Skokie, Ill. Anonymous, Albuquerque, N.M. In honour of our family reunion, effected through The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund — Lella and Nathan L. Jacobson, Orange, N.J.

\$15 Bonnie and Sy Weinstein, Hicksville, N.Y.
\$10 In memory of our son Shabbat Avraham Haim — Selma and Edward Heizer, Chicago, Ill. In honour of my grandson — Blanche G. Keno, Chicago, Ill. Leo and Betty Passman, Florida in memory of Rose Liberman.

\$13.30 Netta Moss, N.Y.
\$13.18 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
\$13.00 Sara Biderman, Tel Aviv.
\$12.50 In memory of my darling father — Anonymous, Haifa. In memory of my beloved husband Theo Krohner — Lie Krohner, Ramat Hasharon. For the grandchildren Shlomo, Guy, Gali and Ben — Gali and J.R., Ramat Gan.

\$10 Nina Yoran, Tel Aviv. Anonymous.
\$10 Walter, Ramat Gan.
\$18.80 In honour of my family Avram, Sandy, Michael and Alisa Dushafsky, Hartford — With love from Batya, Jerusalem.
\$6.30 Mrs. Burman's 4th Grade Class, Martin E. Young School, Randolph, Mass.
\$5 Edythe Stein's Kindergarten 2 class, Solomon Schweitzer School, Jericho, N.Y.
\$100 In loving memory of our parents and kin — Three Alef.

ALTHOUGH the main purpose of The Jerusalem Post Funds is to provide for the needs of the less fortunate members of Israeli society, there are some other side-lights.

Included in the lists of contributors today are two families who were reunited with relatives whose names they happened to see in our donors' lists. In both cases, their contributions were made in honour of the reunions. Of course the more people who give, the more likelihood there is of other similar heart-warming family get-togethers.

"FORSAKE ME NOT"

A group of senior citizens who frequent Maon HaRofe in Haifa held a Hanukkah party on behalf of "Forsake Me Not" and raised \$10,300. "Who can understand as well as we the importance of the work you are doing" they wrote.

The understanding of how vital it is to give aid and comfort to people in the twilight of their lives knows no borders. The Albert Einstein Unit of B'nai B'rith in Sydney, Australia sent in a second hand-some contribution in less than a month. During this past week, we have also received contributions from America, Canada, Germany, France and a promise from the Jewish Community of Stockholm that two large sums for both "Forsake Me Not" and The Toy Fund are en route.

New "Forsake Me Not" contributions, amounting to \$64,163.22, have boosted the total to \$590,107.11. It is anticipated that by this time next week, the "Forsake Me Not" fund will be on its way to its second million shekels.

"Forsake Me Not" donors were:
\$300 In honour of our parents — Roseanne and Bob Levin, Merion, Pa.
\$10,300 Proceeds of a Hanukkah party held by Senior Citizens at the Physicians Home (Maon HaRofe) Haifa.
\$80 In celebration of Jack Davies' 80th birth-

day at the Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem. — J. Davies Charities Ltd., London, England.
\$96.44 B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein Unit, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
\$12,000 Penny Egel, Tel Aviv.
\$1,200 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
\$1,480 In memory of my late husband Mrs. V. Wechsler, Galveston, Texas.
\$50 Amalia G. Simon, Miami Beach, Fl.
DM100 Anonymous, Mannheim, West Germany.
\$1,200 A group of merry-makers from Caracas.
\$1,000 Anonymous, Omer, Anonymous, Jerusalem. Dr. Pinner, Netanya.

\$25 In honour of the 50th wedding anniversary of Reba and Sid Rosenzweig of Philadelphia, Pa. — Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rosenzweig, Tucson, Arizona. In memory of my wife Rose — Sol Giller, Margate, Fl. Kate Mary Dell, North Hollywood, Ca. In honour of our cousins Gertrude and Dr. Harvey Cohen of Jerusalem whom we located last year through The Jerusalem Post "Forsake Me Not" fund — The South Bend/Haifa Cohens, Naida, David Alan and Laina.
\$1700 To the memory of our grandmother Tirtza, whom we never had the chance to meet. — Hedy, sister of kibbutz talk grandchild Ravi, Ayalta, Tamar, Yair (Yotam) and Boaz, Na'ama and Asaf (Erez), Carmel Bridge Players, Haifa.

\$18 In memory of our dear parents Minnie and Louis Wiener and Celia and Samuel Bayewsky — Bert and Jules Bayard, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.
\$1500 To Tamar, on the occasion of your birthday — The Family, Jerusalem. In loving memory of Grandmother Sara and Grandpapa Lou — Gail, Jack, Judy and Becca; Beth, Martin, Noga and Inbal; Carol, Zlora and Adam and Rachel. In memory of my dear mother Betsey; Menno, Clara and Jacques who all passed away in the month of Heshvan — I.B. Kolthoff, Beth Joles Parents Home, Haifa. Anonymous, Haifa.
\$15 Anonymous, Haifa. A Ben Joshua, Haifa. Rita Hirschfeld, Rehovot. Bonnie and Sy Weinstein, Hicksville, N.Y. Dorothy Jaffe, South Bend, Indiana.

\$1400 In honour of the 50th birthday of a very good friend — B.B., Jerusalem.
\$1360 To honour our Bobi and Zaida from Canada on their visit to Israel — with love, Mira and Guy Spiro. In loving memory of Dr. Tuvia Bar Ilan — Taina Bar Ilan, Holon.

\$10 Happy Hanukkah to the Josh Sobel Family in Haifa — Cecile and Paul Gardner, South Bend, Indiana. Anne F. Vexler, Worcester, Ma.
\$1274 18 times Ha! — E. Elliott, Jerusalem. 2.
\$1318 Anonymous, Jerusalem.
\$1300 Mr. Lowenstein.
\$1250 In memory of my darling father — Anonymous, Haifa. In memory of our parents — Gini and J.R., Ramat Gan. Prof. Joseph J. Roseman, School of Parents Home, Haifa. Anonymous, Haifa.
\$1200 Walther, Ramat Gan. Eva and Emil Elzenberg, Haifa. Congratulations to Rose and Boris Anolik of Zimbabawe on their 50th wedding anniversary — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salway, Ramat Gan.

\$1180 In honour of my parents Leo and Sylvia Dushafsky of Philadelphia — With thanks, Batya.

\$1100 S. and E. Rosenstein, Netanya. In loving memory of our parents and kin — Three Alef, Gussy Hayon, Haifa, 6th contribution.

acting, there is a certain monotony.

There are a few good supporting actors with small parts, especially the old couple who show a different attitude to life, that of another generation (Isidor Herszkowitz, Esther Greenberg).

So, why was I bored for long stretches of the evening? It is difficult to give myself a satisfactory answer.

The main problem seems to be the direction of the play (Ilan Ronen). Going out of his way to be true to the author's text and intentions, the show seems to go on forever.

The play is either too long in itself, and should be performed in a much quicker tempo; or perhaps the performance tries too hard to impress us with the desolation of the reality portrayed, and ends up in extended scenes of performed desolation.

This is a well-known dilemma, and few playwrights and directors could master it like Samuel Beckett. Thus, one goes away from this play with mixed feelings of having been alternately bored and interested.

and cooperation between the solo and the orchestra made the whole performance precise and clear. Additional sonority would have enriched the colourful substance of the music.

The Dvorak was the high point of the evening. Good balance between the various groups, good solos, especially by the flute, rich dynamic gradings and drive made for a stimulating rendering of this joyful work, which was warmly received by the audience.

Mixed feelings on modern problems

THEATRE / Uri Rapp

scene where the woman talks with a friend from her youth — through the intercom of a sterile, modern high-rise apartment house; a family scene with the standard recriminations; the same woman almost demented, near the end, behaving strangely in public places.

There is a very impressive stage design by Ruth Dar. Each individual scene, with its ideas and symbols, is turned into concrete settings. Each mood, each stage in the central character's development is visualized in an unrealistic but highly suggestive setting.

GITTA MUNTE is an able actress

who carries the load of the action. She has a strong stage presence, and some of the scenes are acted out impressively, accompanied by sensitive undertones, true to the main theme; her deterioration in an unresponsive environment.

This cannot be said of the whole of her performance: the middle-class tourist, sophisticated and lonely, in the beginning — the strange, neglected, obtrusive woman at the end, are well portrayed; but in many of the scenes she holds on to the same tone of voice, the same postures and mannerisms, with no development of character; sandwiched in between bouts of fine

Precise performance

MUSIC / Esther Reuter

impress.

Partos originally composed his Concertino for Strings in 1932 as a string quartet, and adapted it in 1952 for the orchestra. Although written before the composer's immigration to Israel, it was in-

fluenced not only by Bartok's style but also by Yemenite melodies.

Robert Canetti played the solo part in the Symphonie Espagnole with very good technical and musical abilities, a fine, pleasant tone and musical phrasing. Support



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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

The following statement was made by bereaved parents from Kibbutz Beit Zera this week after they failed to receive a response to a letter sent to Prime Minister Begin, which appears below.

EVEN THE prime minister and the defence minister must honour the memories of those who died in the battle for Beaufort. The Beaufort fortress was conquered on the first evening of the Lebanon War (June 6, 1982) and on the following day, June 7, the prime minister and the defence minister were filmed on Beaufort — the film appearing on Israel Television — with the prime minister admiring the view and the mountain air, and the defence minister announcing that Beaufort was captured without casualties. We breathed a sigh of relief, and on the third day of the war, June 8, six families were notified that their sons, serving in the Golan Scouts, had fallen in the battle for Beaufort.

In September, we received a condolence letter from Prime Minister Menachem Begin and a certificate from the Defence Minister Ariel

Sharon attesting to Avikam's participation in the Golan Scouts. Since the TV film showed the prime minister in a light-hearted mood on Beaufort, and the defence minister made pronouncements about the conquest that were untrue, we found it fitting to return the condolence letters to each of them, accompanied by an explanatory letter.

We returned the letters on October 21, 1982, and to this date, we have received no response from them — not even notification of receipt of the letters.

As citizens of Israel, and as parents whose beloved son was killed in the war, we want answers to three questions:

□ Why was it important to be filmed on Beaufort and to make false pronouncements about the battle in general, and in particular

before the families of the fallen were notified?

□ Was the announcement by the defence minister — that Beaufort was captured without casualties — the result of ignorance? If so, how is it possible that the defence minister and the prime minister were photographed there without knowing how it was conquered and at what price? If they really did not know about the casualties, could they not apologize to the families and to the public when they found out they had been mistaken?

□ Is it not a basic human obligation for the prime minister and the defence minister to at least acknowledge receipt of a letter from parents whose son was killed in battle in the Lebanon War, even if they have nothing to say.

David and Mona Scharf

Letter to the prime minister

To Prime Minister Menachem Begin:

We received your letter and are returning it to you. We do not accept your condolences.

Our son, Segen Avikam Scharf, did indeed serve his nation with devotion and dedication — but he was killed... on Beaufort Castle. On the same Beaufort to which you hurried to have your picture taken and on which you admired the mountain air, on the same Beaufort on which your defence minister announced that there were no casualties, even though he was told explicitly by members of Avikam's unit that 6 boys were killed there.

Six worlds were destroyed, and not one of you deemed it necessary to apologize, to ask forgiveness of the parents. Our first-born, Avikam, was killed in the Lebanon War, and not in — as you cynically call it — Operation Peace for Galilee. There is not peace for Galilee or for the country as a whole.

We are residents of the Jordan Valley. Segen Avikam Scharf was a child during the War of Attrition following the Six Day War. Night after night, for more than two years, we put this child to sleep in a shelter. And imagine, we are still here, and the child who grew up with Katyusha rockets whizzing over his head, who

spent many days in a shelter instead of a classroom or on a playing field, who couldn't wander about the fields because the roads were made dangerous by mines and terrorists — this child grew up and became an officer in a crack unit. So we don't have to be told about the suffering of the people of Galilee.

The tragic mistake is that not only has this war not brought peace closer for the people of Galilee, but it has pushed farther away the chance that anyone, anywhere in the country, will live in peace and will raise children who will also live past the age of 20.

Woe to us, for even our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren will have to run to shelters, because as a result of this war the hatred and feelings of vengeance towards us have grown, and the chances for peace have receded greatly.

Both of us were children during the Holocaust. We both grew up fatherless, in families that paid the blood-price. We arrived in Israel and built a wonderful home, and raised a son who was charming, bright, handsome, talented, devoted to his country — a Zionist in every sense of the word, beloved by all, and now he is dead in a war that should never have been. You shall never be forgotten.

Mona and David Scharf

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Successful visit

THE DELICACY of President Navon's visit to Washington hardly requires elaboration. An Israeli president's room for maneuver is restricted at the best of times. The limitations on Mr. Navon and the circumspection required from him were especially strict given the political situation in Israel at this time and the intense speculation surrounding the president's future.

The fact that the stay in Washington seems to have passed off so well is a tribute to the tact and perspicacity of both guest and hosts. One out-of-place word and the media would have pounced. But there were no such slips and Mr. Navon brought credit to himself and to his country.

Very properly, he restricted himself to those issues and causes that unite the vast majority of Israelis: Jerusalem, secure and negotiated borders, peaceful relations with Lebanon, etc. On these he could speak out cogently, in private conversations with President Reagan and his aides and in public appearances.

Just as Mr. Navon focused on fundamentals, so too did President Reagan dwell on the basic verities of U.S.-Israeli friendship. This was no mere exercise in platitudes, for some of those home truths tend to be blurred in the hurly-burly of the day-to-day relationship, with its various ups and downs.

The rehearsal, by the two heads of state, of Israel's yearning for peace and of America's commitment to help her achieve it should put into proper perspective the current, hopefully transient, "down" in relations between the two governments.

The visit, and the cordiality of President Navon's reception in Washington, is an occasion to note the hollowiness and pretentiousness of the "anti-Americanism" which certain government circles here purport to affect.

Despite Defence Minister Sharon's somewhat disingenuous protestations of injured innocence on television this week, his penchant for fomenting suspicion, rancour and recrimination against the U.S. role in the region is well known — in Jerusalem and in Washington. Other senior ministers have sought, without much success, to curb what one of them termed Mr. Sharon's "war talk against the Americans, as though they were our enemy No. 1."

The success of President Navon's visit to Washington is further proof, if proof were needed, of the underlying concordance of Israel and American views and interests.

The truth about the economy

THE PICTURE of the economy that emerged from the report by the Central Bureau of Statistics a week ago was melancholy enough. Even more depressing, however, has been the reaction of Yoram Avidor's Treasury team to the revealed facts.

What the facts reveal is that, while the individual consumer may have never had it as good as last year, the national economy may have never had it as bad. This information should keep the alarm bells ringing day and night in the corridors of economic policy-makers. Instead, it is being taken in stride, almost as though it represented some signal achievement.

True, the gross national product, per capita, dropped three per cent, and exports fell in absolute terms for the first time in years while heavily subsidized imports rose, thus bringing the balance of payments gap to an all-time high of nearly \$5 billion. But all this, it is officially argued, must be seen in the context of the world recession.

The fact, however, is that, largely due to the recession, the prices of oil and other materials were appreciably lower last year than the year before, and that there was a 28 per cent reduction in the country's defence purchases from abroad. Nevertheless, the country's economic performance was horrendous.

Paradoxically, while the balance of payments gap widened, inflation resisted a desperate effort to bring it down. But, so the official argument runs, unemployment remained spectacularly low compared with its level in the major western countries. This is true, but it ignores the worrisome spread of concealed unemployment throughout the economy.

Reliable reports speak of industries where redundant personnel have not been laid off only in expectation of an upturn sometime soon to follow a change of government policy. In the meantime, many businessmen who see no point in expanding their plant or renovating their equipment are in effect encouraged to turn from exports to imports and to indulge in the stock exchange game.

How then does this country manage to keep head above water economically? Only, of course, through the massive infusion of funds from abroad. Thanks to massive U.S. support by way of grants and loans, credits may be obtained from other sources, as well. Remove that support, and the result could be economic catastrophe.

This is the truth about Israel's economy which the Treasury would like to obscure and if possible suppress. But truth will out.

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Holland. Among those attending were two graduates of the Leo Beack College in London, Rabbi Lionel Blue, convener of the rabbinical court of the Reform synagogues in Great Britain, and Rabbi Sonny Herman who works for the Liberal Jewish congregation in Amsterdam. Shalhomo, which is short for Shalom Homosexuals, was founded about two years ago in Amsterdam by young Jews who felt that while they were not fully accepted in the Jewish community as homosexuals, they were as Jews not fully accepted in homosexual societies. A conference participant from Israel complained about discriminatory measures against homosexuals by the Israeli authorities.

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Whirlwind reaction

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IN RETROSPECT one wonders what the fuss was all about.

The army spokesman announced the Syrians were preparing to deploy SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles deep inside that country, and the world stood on its hind legs. There was comment, analysis and interpretation in newspapers and on the radio around the world.

Why should an announcement from the Israeli Army spokesman draw so much attention from so many?

The world is nervous. Bellicose statements from Israel have a certain credibility that is making the world nervous. The pattern in Israel's behaviour has become familiar: note of fact; warning of danger; threat of action unless situation is corrected; action.

The boldness of some of the moves, both in war and in peace, have been astounding. Nothing has become impossible or unbelievable.

Thus when Israel announces its concern over the presence of SAM-5, long-range high-altitude, radar-homing, anti-aircraft missiles somewhere deep inside Syria, one can almost smell cordite in the air. It is taken almost for granted that this could mean a conflict of undefined proportions between Israel and Syria — a conflict the world believes will be instigated by Israel.

It is difficult, however, to see any real justification for the disproportionate reaction to the report. The missiles, though they have been upgraded periodically, are 20 years old, they have never before been deployed outside the Soviet Union, but their arrival in this region should come as no surprise to those who have watched T-72 tanks and MIG-25 fighters arrive in this part of the world without hysterical comment.

DEFENCE MINISTER Ariel Sharon and Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan played down the dangers to Israel posed by the SAM-5s in public appearances Wednesday, saying it was more an American, Jordanian, Iraqi problem, than an Israeli one. Both said that Israel had solutions to the problem if a solution was needed.

Sharon (of course) went one step further, and said that not a single Israeli aircraft-fighter, transport or passenger plane will alter its course

because of the missiles. "We have the answers in case of need," Sharon stressed.

Perhaps it is Israel's definition of "in case of need" that is responsible for the disproportionate reaction of not only the international media, but also of foreign governments to Israel's expression of concern. Our "needs" have begun to make the world nervous. This, in essence, means that Israel over the past few years, specifically since the decision to bomb the Iraqi nuclear reactor, has managed to attain a credible defence posture. What this is doing to our foreign relations is another question.

Those out there apparently believe that we mean what we say. The question is why are we saying it.

In the case of the missiles, speculation has been rampant, and to this day the official explanations of why the army spokesman was told to issue the SAM-5 statement, and by whom, remain confused.

Was Israel warning against the influx of highly sophisticated, new-generation military technology into Syria? Was it warning the Syrians not to be more obdurate than is decently necessary in working out a solution for Lebanon? Was Israel signalling the Americans to note the growing Soviet commitment to Syria, and indicating that the U.S. administration cannot afford to withdraw its support for Israel if it hopes to maintain a balance of power in the Middle East? Was Israel, in fact, warning the Jordanians and the Iraqis of the new threat facing them? For the SAM-5s are as much a danger to those two countries as they are to Israel, and the SAM-5 statement may have been intended to undermine any possible alliance between the three countries. Or was it intended to demonstrate to the Syrians and the Soviets once again that they are being watched with competent eyes? Perhaps any or all of these are correct. They all make sense.

IT SEEMS, however, that the process that resulted in the spokesman's statement was less calculated. At a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee last Friday, opposition leader Shimon Peres asked Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir

AFTER A DELAY of 33 years and after four full-scale wars, the plenipotentiaries of Lebanon and Israel are meeting at the conference table once again. Their last formal negotiations, held in 1949 under the chairmanship of Dr. Ralph Bunche, concluded with binding undertakings "to prevent the conduct of any act of hostility from their territory by any element of their military or para-military forces, including non-regular components, against the forces of the other party, or against civilians in territory under its control and to promote the return of permanent peace in Palestine."

Nobel Prize-winner Bunche, in presenting the Armistice Agreements to the UN Security Council on August 4, 1949, stated:

"The entire heritage of restrictions which developed out of the undeclared war should be done away with. There should be normal access, restrictions on importation and immigration should be eliminated, there should be free movement of shipping, and no vestiges of the wartime blockade should be allowed to remain as they are inconsistent with both the letter and the spirit of the Armistice Agreements."

A week later the Security Council endorsed the views of the mediator, expressing in its Resolution 1376 the hope that "the signatories of the Agreements will at an early date achieve agreement by negotiations on the final settlement of all questions outstanding between them."

A year later, in the face of persistent Arab refusal to enter into negotiations, the Security Council impatiently "urged all states in the area to take all such steps as will lead to the settlement of the issues between them."

When another year had passed without the Arab governments heeding the injunctions of the Security Council, it passed an additional resolution on September 1, 1951, decreeing that "since the armistice regime is of permanent character, neither party can reasonably assert that it is actively a belligerent" and be allowed to maintain "practices inconsistent with the objectives of peaceful settlement and the establishment of permanent peace."

The UN, unwilling to challenge the Arab refusal to settle the conflict by peaceful means, evaded any action to implement its own resolutions. The Six Day and the Yom

The agenda game

By GIDEON RAFAEL

Kippur was finally roused the Security Council from its 20 years of lethargy. In its Resolutions 242 and 338 it decided that the parties to the conflict "should enter immediately into negotiations aimed at establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

The compliance by Egypt and Israel resulted in the peace treaty. The defiance by the Arab States, including that of Lebanon, led to the renewal of war. The legislative history of the conflict unequivocally proscribes continued hostility and prescribes the early establishment of permanent peace. The disregard of this precept is the root cause for the perpetuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict with its tragic consequences as shown again by the war in Lebanon.

The conference now taking place, although 33 years overdue, is proceeding at a leisurely pace, as if it had been convened to draft a convention on the partition of outer space. Instead of withdrawing into sedentary seclusion it perambulates from Lebanon to Israel and back, followed by a comet's tail of journalists. Instead of agreeing on a generalized wording of the agenda, the negotiators waste their time playing the agenda game, as practised by Soviet diplomacy with matchless mastery, trying to wear out the opponent and to stall on the substance.

The Lebanese delegation now proposes to implement the Agreement of 1949. It is common knowledge that Lebanon is in default of its obligations under the Armistice Agreement. But if the Lebanese Government is now determined to prevent "the conduct of any hostile act from its territory against Israel," then let the parties define the measures needed to secure that undertaking.

And if Lebanon is now prepared "to restore normal conditions of peace to the fullest extent" in accordance with the Security Coun-

'HARMFUL TALK'
In the above-titled article by Yosef Tekoa, published yesterday, passages in the text should read as follows: "The Israeli delegation is going to have to demonstrate firmness, flexibility... etc." and "If there is something to be said or commented on, it should be said... but not in a manner liable to enable foreign elements, interested in questioning and curbing Israel's objectives, to claim that even part of the people of Israel is ready to accept less than their government."

cil's interpretation of the Armistice Agreement, then let the parties discuss the practical steps to be taken toward this end.

IF LEBANON is now willing to abjure, in word and deed, once and for all, the existence of a state of war, which it used to claim when consoorting with its Arab partners and disclaim when facing its consequences, what does it matter, whether the parties base their renunciation of belligerency on the resolutions of the Security Council, the Charter of the United Nations or a new reaffirmation?

What really counts is the intentions and capabilities of the parties and the measures they agree upon to ensure their realization. What are the real objectives of the two sides engaged in the present negotiations? Does Lebanon intend to open a new chapter in its relations with Israel, marked by the complete absence of hostility and of guaranteed mutual security and participation in the peace process? If that is its aim the conclusion of an agreement in stages should not be beyond reach.

But, if the government of President Jemayel aims solely at the withdrawal of the IDF, preferably together with that of the forces of Syria and the PLO, using American leverage and non-committal assurances, then agreement can hardly be achieved.

But Israel, too must clarify its priorities. If it is prepared to grant precedence to its proclaimed war aim: peace for Galilee, it is conceivable that the first stage of the negotiations could be positively concluded at an early date.

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about the flow of sophisticated weapons to Syria.

Shamir replied that Israel was worried, but did not elaborate. The exchange received wide press coverage, including verbatim reports of what was said. This indicates that some official wanted it made known that Syria was re-arming with the best equipment available.

On the morning the committee met, two newspapers, including The Jerusalem Post, ran stories on Syrian military developments, including an assessment from "highly knowledgeable sources" that by the end of 1984, Israel would be facing a far superior Syrian military force than it did on the eve of Operation Peace for Galilee, and that Syria's ostensible military defeat in that war has not radically stymied, or even stunted, that country's planned military growth.

The newspaper reports were not initiated by the government or the army in any way, but were the result of a briefing requested by the press. So it seems that what happened was as follows: reporters ask for a briefing with a "knowledgeable source," who, in response to questions, notes what is happening to the Syrian military. The leader of the opposition reads the paper, combines the

reports with his own personal knowledge of events and asks a question of the foreign minister whose subsequent expression of general concern became headlines.

Someone, for reasons still unclear, decides to take all this one step further, and tells the army spokesman to pinpoint the missiles — leading to a minor tremor throughout the world, and the world automatically assumes that Israel's finger is closing around the trigger. (This sequence of events was confirmed by the Chief of Staff at a meeting with military correspondents yesterday afternoon.)

IN THE WHIRLWIND of sensation that followed, the public almost totally overlooked the real importance of what was happening in Syria militarily. By the end of 1983, the Syrian armed forces will have grown by over 20 per cent; they will be armed with the most sophisticated Soviet weapons available; and by the end of 1984, they will be totally re-organized into more efficient battle formations. By then the Syrians will be less dependent on reserves, making the Syrian army a little professional army, but within two years, there will be 1,000 Syrian tanks deployed on the Golan Heights, opposite Israeli forces there — on condition that Syria

withdraws from Lebanon.

There was no great expression of alarm, these past few months, when almost all of Syria's large-scale military exercises were offensive in nature, and included the unprecedented use of armour in an attack role. There was almost no comment on the fact that not only did the war in Lebanon not seriously harm the Syrian military potential, it may actually have served to enhance it by illustrating to the Syrians where their weaknesses lie.

Of all the logical moves the Syrians and the Soviets could have chosen to make in the wake of the Lebanese war, bolstering Syria's defences with a better system than that deployed in the past seems the most logical. It was a move that has been expected since early June.

What makes the SAM-5s different from other anti-aircraft systems currently in the Syrian arsenal is their range (250 km.) and their high effective operational ceiling (29 km.). Whether these factors turn the SAM-5 into a strategic weapon worthy of special comment from the army spokesman is debatable. There can be no debate, however, that this can hardly be used as an excuse for a war.

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authority over the whole of its territory. It declares its willingness to abide by its international obligations of non-belligerence and deny the use of its territory for the conduct of hostile action against Israel. It is actively supported in these endeavours by the U.S. and its Western allies.

Its capacity to go beyond this is limited by the conditions prevailing in the country. What then should be the priorities of the Israel government under the given circumstances? It should aim at securing its northern border against the recurrence of violence; effect without delay a disengagement between its own and the Syrian forces poised in dangerous confrontation which could lead to a new conflagration by accident or design.

It should abandon any idea of involvement in the shaping of Lebanon's political future; prepare the ground for contractual relations of good neighbourliness; and above all bring our soldiers home speedily. This order of business is commensurate with the political realities; proportionate to the existing possibilities and responsive to the urgent priorities.

Wise negotiators should always be mindful of our pages' admonition: to overreach is to undergain, and prefer an attainable agreement to an elusive agenda.

This is the second of two articles. The author is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

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